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Young duffers undaunted by the damp



Thirty-two young golfers ages 7-12 braved the rains last week and took to the course at the Bethel Inn and Country Club for a Junior Golf Clinic. For three hours each day, the kids learned putting, chipping, full swings and good golf etiquette and sportsmanship. Four pros, including head pro Mark Mallory, served as instructors. Here, some of the golfers watch in anticipation as a putt, made by an off-camera youngster, rolls near the hole. The American flag was used to mark the placement of an earlier ball. For another photo, see Page 12. A similar clinic takes place this week for 13 to 17-year-olds.
(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Costly sewer projects backing up in Bethel

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Opting to pass on some indigestible long-term financial decisions, the Bethel Board of Selectmen has adopted a tentative sewer budget of \$418,965 for FY 2010.

The budget holds the present sewer rates steady, but does not address looming capital-improvement needs.

The Sewer District has roughly 500 customers, who currently pay \$7.70 per hundred cubic feet of water use, with a minimum charge of \$115.50 per quarter.

While the rate they pay will not be going up in the latest budget, holding it steady will

'You're talking half a million dollars to replace those two pump stations, that are going on 40 years old.'

SELECTMAN BOB EVERETT
On one pending project

require a projected infusion of \$14,000 from surplus.

And it would have required even more from surplus, had provisions been made for capital expenses.

"We basically squeezed out capital expenses in this budget," Town Manager Scott Cole (attending his last select-

men's meeting in that role) told the board.

"That's how we're making up what would have been a much larger deficit," Cole said. "If we had the true capital expenses that need to be met in the next two years or so, you'd probably be looking at a more substantial deficit."

But putting off those expenses worried Selectman Bob Everett.

"We've put off capital plans down there for so long we're going to get stuck with some major bills pretty quick," Everett said.

Noting that Bethel's rate is already in the top 10 percent statewide, he asked: "How can we go out and do some of the capital improvement projects that are going to have to happen here shortly?"

And, he said, the state might force at least one such project on the town at any point.

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Kids in military families will benefit from a new Maine law originated here

By ALISON ALOISIO

Next week Gov. John Baldacci is expected to sign a new law to cut through the educational red tape that can affect children of military families.

The bill that became the law, LD 1324, was initiated by Jeri Greenwell of Bethel, and was sponsored by Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel).

Kids on the move

When families move from state to state, their children may face varying educational requirements that can put them at a disadvantage.

For example, they may be delayed in enrolling because of immunization requirements, put back a grade level, denied

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All the stage is a porch for August play in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Five porches in Bethel Village will serve as the scenes for a five-act play in August.

"When the Parade Came by Our House Every Year About This Time We Would Gather on the Porch" is an original play by Ross Timberlake and a production of the Bethel Performing Arts Project. It will take place Aug. 8 as part of Sudbury Canada Days.

Timberlake describes the play as historical fiction. "It's an inspirational view of our community from the past to future," he said. "It also tells the history of the town."

Each of the five, 20-minute acts can stand alone, he said, so audience members do not need to see each one.

The first act is set in the

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Telstar car show revived, combined with Corvettes

By ALISON ALOISIO

After a one-year hiatus, the Telstar Car Show will return Aug. 15. It will also join forces with the Maine Mountain Corvette Festival, forming a single event.

And organizers have bigger hopes for the future.

"The chamber would like to eventually make the car show a two-day event, to boost commerce to the area," said Rob-

in Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

The THS show traditionally took place on Mollycokett Day. But last year, because of a dwindling volunteer force, the show was dropped.

In August of last year, the second annual Maine Mountain Corvette Festival, head-

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CAUGHT WITH HIS HAND IN THE COOKIE JAR, OR IN THIS CASE, THE NEXT-BEST THING

John Foster of Andover captured this photo of a bear who made himself comfortably at home while enjoying snacks from Foster's bird-feeder. "The bear was about eight feet away, with the doors open, and showed no fear whatever," said Foster. "I finally had to discharge my 12-gauge right near his feet to make him leave. He came back again when I wasn't home, and my neighbors brought down their dogs, who freed the bear."

Long line forms for Perham's final sale

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Group
Hundreds of people turned out Friday in just the first few hours of the three-day going-out-of-business sale at Perham's of West Paris gem store on Route 26.

In a sometimes carnival atmosphere, people from as far away as Florida parked their cars along routes 26 and 219 starting at 8 a.m. to get in line for the 9 a.m. opening. Some took pictures of family members in front of Perham's sign, others walked their dogs, while most just chatted about what Perham's has meant to them over the years and waited patiently for their turn to be let in the side door to shop.

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Letters

SURVIVOR FOR TOLERANCE

To the Editor:

As a trauma survivor, I know the value of a good marriage and a great community. I want to stand up for everyone being able to marry and have community support.

It has been life-saving for me. Thankfully,

Melody Bornema
Bethel

ARTIRONDAK CHAIR AUCTION

To the Editor:

Images of mountain ridge lines, trout, lighthouses, loons, the night sky, summer daisies, tribal patterns and even classic rock icons adorn the curves and lines of this year's ARTIron-dack Chairs which will be auctioned during the Mollyockett Day celebration at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2009 on the Bethel Common.

The annual auction is named for the artful designs of the one-of-a-kind paintings by Western Maine Artists and the Adirondack chairs handmade by craftsman Reggie Brown. The event will again be officiated by Auctioneer Joe Gaidis.

The interesting variety of chairs reflects the array of 17 artists and organizations which contributed time, energy and resources to this special project including: Tera Ingraham, Height of Land; Jewel Clark, Loons and Lily Pads; Katherine McGregor, Nature's Wish; Darcie Buker, Lookin' Out My Back Door; Bethel Peace Pals, May Peace Prevail; Sara Shepley, Celebras Cincuenta; Irina Kahn, A Maine Summer; Suzanne Hardy, Points East; Lauren Head, Trout Surround; Carrie Boelsma, Summer Days; Molly Keane, Farewell Beautiful; Brandon Roberts, Moose Caves; Chris Davies, Rockin' Chair; Troy Jordan, A New Day; Ingleside Classical Childcare, Your Majesty; Mahoosuc Montessori, Loves Me; and the Early Minds at Gould Academy, Purple Polka-Licious.

Images of the chairs can be previewed at www.MahoosucArts.org or under Joe Gaidis' profile at www.auctionzip.com/ME-Auctioneers/32589.html. Bids can be placed by calling the Council at 824-3575. All proceeds go toward the operations and programming of the nonprofit Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Aranka Matolcsy
Executive Director, Mahoosuc Arts Council

MOLLYOCKETT DAY RUNS, WALK

To the Editor:

There is still time to register for the Mollyockett Day Classic 5-mile, 1-mile fun run and 3-mile walking event sponsored by Kennett Realty and Michael T. Steven & Associates scheduled for Saturday, July 18 in beautiful Bethel. Participants gather in front of the Bethel Inn Resort to register or check in for the children's (14 and under) 1-mile run that begins at 8 a.m. The 5-mile and the 3-mile walking event begin at 8:30 a.m. All competitors are asked to register and check in by 7:45 a.m. when registration closes for all races.

A beautiful commemorative t-shirt, designed by local artist Karen Jordan Paul, is included with the race entry for the first 175 registrants. Registration forms are available by calling the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282 or e-mailing info@bethelmaine.com. Upon completion of the event, refreshments will be served and a prize raffle will be held before the awarding of prizes to the top three in each category.

The Mollyockett Day Classic is the kick-off event to an entire day festival, organized by Bethel's Mahoosuc Arts Council. A parade, a talent show, music, frog-jumping, food and games, arts and crafts, an ARTIron-dack chair auction and community booths on the Bethel Common make for a fantastic festival atmosphere. The day will end with a fantastic fireworks show held behind the beautiful Bethel Inn Resort.

For more information on the complete calendar of events for the day, log on to www.bethelmaine.com, click on Calendar of Events and then click on July.

Robin Zinchuk
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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ART FAIR THANKS

To the Editor:

The 20th Anniversary Bethel Art Fair brought a great crowd of visitors to Bethel for the week-end. It was wonderful to have the weather cooperate (except for a brief shower at 11:15) and to have the Bethel Historical Society's events join together with the Chamber's Art Fair events to make the festival even more robust for the attendees.

So many people and businesses are to be thanked and recognized for their efforts in making the day enjoyable and successful.

First of all, a tremendous thanks to Heather Nivus and Rene McGrew for their long-standing commitment as co-chairs of the Art Fair. Their leadership, vision, and support for almost two decades has helped to make the festival the success that it is today.

The volunteers that are asked to do numerous tasks are integral to a well-run event. Many thanks to: Dave Freiday, Dillon Gillies, Punky Davis, Ross Timberlake, Cathy Lane, Colleen Files, Janet Aug, Darlene Ginsberg, Karen McElroy, Read Dickinson, Lynn Maxfield-Cole, Tony Cole, Marcia Foster-Austin, Ginny Walker, Laurence Austin, Lloyd Sweetser, Lynn Wilson, Harry Harding, Rosemary Laban and Bruce and Shirley Powell.

The event's nucleus is the 53 artists and fine craftspeople that rent booth spaces, display and sell their works. The variety and quality this year was awesome. The food, offered by the Sudbury Inn, Homeslice Pizza, Bethel's Best Pizza Grille and Dairy Bar, Rooster's Roadhouse, the Bethel Fire Dept., the West Parish Congregational Church and the West Bethel Union Church was a delight. Many community groups also participate in the events of the day, which makes for a reunion each year. Hats off to the Mahoosuc Kids Association, led by Julie Hart and her Board of Directors, for spending the day offering delightful mask-making and other crafts to the children.

The sponsors of the event are also to be recognized for their part in the success of the day: Coca-Cola of Northern New England, TransCanada, Oxford Networks, The Bethel Inn Resort, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Northeast Bank, Good Food Store, SkiESta, the Maine Press, Down East Enterprises and River View Resort.

It was a blessing to have the rain showers stop in time to be able to go ahead with the Independence Day fireworks display. The support for this show from the towns, businesses and individuals made it possible for all to enjoy. Thanks to: The towns of Bethel, Newry, Woodstock, and Hanover, The Bethel Inn Resort, Norway Savings Bank, Sudbury Inn, Law Offices of Gregory W. Files, PA, Philippe and Gwen Gut, Bethel Camp for the Arts, Brooks Bros., Inc., Bob and Joyce Bill, Charles St. Germain, S.S. Milton, Pooh Corner Farm & Greenhouses, Maine Line Products, Chapman Inn and all those who put money in the collection cans throughout the area.

The 21st Annual Bethel Art Fair is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2010. Mark your calendars and plan to spend the day/weekend in town. Anyone who might like to join the organizational committee please contact the Chamber Office.

Robin Zinchuk
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Projects

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The district currently has a DEP permit to spread its sludge on town-owned land, Everett said, "But there are heavy metals and stuff, along with other things, and are we going to get hit with that sooner or later?"

"Where we're not going to be able to do that anymore? And have to find an alternative process?"

"I see a little thing down there that's going to bite us in the butt pretty quickly, and real hard."

Other projects poised to possibly do the same include overdue upgrades to the treatment plant's aeration pit and reed beds, and replacement of pumping stations on Vernon Street and Mill Hill.

Treatment Plant Operator Rob Gundersen said the pumping stations were his biggest worry.

"They're 37 years old," he said, "And that one out on Vernon Street is pumping

20,000 gallons a day."

The estimate for replacing the stations is \$200,000 to \$250,000 — each.

"You're talking half a million dollars to replace two pump stations that are going on 40 years old," Everett noted.

'Serious stuff'

If such upgrades are not undertaken, Selectman Don Bennett asked: "What's the next impending disaster?"

Cole suggested that it could well be on Chapman Street.

"Chapman Street has to get done — water, sewer, street drainage," he said.

"If you have a collapse in the main on Chapman Street and you have a blockage, you're going to have an immediate back-up right into the houses — and that would probably be the most uncomfortable situation for everybody involved."

Gundersen quickly added: "That's already happened."

Almost a decade ago, he said, the clay-tile line on Chapman Street collapsed, for no obvious reason, "and we flooded two houses in a matter of minutes."

Don Bennett had heard enough.

"This is very serious stuff," he said. "We need to pay attention to this."

The eventual vote to approve the FY '10 budget was unanimous, but with the proviso that if needed within the next fiscal quarter, rates could still be increased or spending reduced.

A note on sludge

Following the selectmen's meeting, Gundersen said the treatment plant tests its sludge regularly for heavy metals and has not to date had any unacceptable readings.

He said he also hopes to be able to develop a composting alternative to simply spreading the sludge.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Apple Tree Realty opened for business on High Street in Bethel.

The Bethel Board of Selectmen were slated to discuss the possibility of Bethel Station donating 17 acres of riverfront land to the town.

An indoor rock gym with more than twenty 24-foot climbs had opened at the BIG Adventure Center.

Birth: William Andrew Brenner.

Deaths: Dr. Norman E. Johnson, Howard A. Smith, Leo C. Hemingway, Jr., Ivy Brown Tyler, Mary F. Smith, Frances Bradeen.

20 years ago: The newly organized Bethel Farmers' Market opened for its first season on Route 2 opposite the Norseman Inn.

The Board of Selectmen approved Jim Young as chief of the Bethel Fire Department.

Descendants of Benjamin Russell, Sr., Bethel's first town clerk, placed a memorial at his gravesite.

Births: Naomi Kathryn Bean, Jeffrey Fremont Chandler.

Death: Dr. B. Albert Ring.

30 years ago: The Bethel Highway Department crew completed repair work on the Chapman Brook Bridge.

Henry Nygren, Lynn, Mass., died of burns received in an explosion and fire at Camp Nygren in Albany.

A grand opening was held at Denison's, located in the former Sunri Ski Shop location on Main Street.

Birth: Sarah Ann Seames.

Deaths: Mrs. Clida B. Carver, Mrs. Iva D. Beck, Leo G. Bartlett, John Lester Witter, Sr.

40 years ago: A stop sign and an informational sign with directions to Old Orchard, South Paris and North Waterford were installed at the junction of Railroad and Main streets.

Lawrence A. Arsenaault, head of the science department at Telstar Regional High School, was teaching geology courses at the Summer Session of Farmington State College.

Fifty-six Senior Citizens and guests enjoyed a meal served by the ladies of the Bear River Grange, and a program on early Upton history by Charles Heywood.

Births: Daryl Lyn Hicks, Scott William Swan, Eva Lee Blake.

Deaths: Mrs. Ella H. Powers, Michael L. Rolfe, Lillian Kimball Clark, Myron E. Morrill.

50 years ago: Dixie Lea Brown was among the 2,000 teenage delegates attending the 1959 National Convention of Future Homemakers of America in Chicago.

Twenty-one pupils of the East Andover Sunday School who had perfect attendance went to Roxbury Pond on an outing.

Newton & Tebbets' mill, Kendall's mill and Hanover Dowel Co. were shut down for a week's vacation.

Deaths: Betty Burns Thurston, Ralph S. Osgood, Raymond K. Cummings.

60 years ago: Little disturbance was reported in Bethel over the 4th. The directional sign at the foot of Main Street was damaged by a bonfire.

70 years ago: Miss Kathryn Herrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrick, sailed for England. She expected to be one of the faculty of the International School in Ommen, Holland.

Frank Littlehale was working at Dick Young's Service Station.

The Garden Club of Bethel held a box picnic at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lord.

Death: George C. Conner.

80 years ago: Chester Cummings was appointed night policeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winslow moved to their new cottage at Songo Pond.

Ralph Buckman opened an auto repair shop on High Street.

Death: Mrs. Mary B. Kimball.

100 years ago: Eva Glines began work at the post card factory in West Bethel.

Marriage: Addison S. Bean and Mary Paine.



GETTING A HANDLE ON THE COST—Members of the Woodstock Fire Department conduct a preliminary inspection earlier this week of rain damage to Redding Road in east Woodstock. Woodstock initially estimated that its roads suffered \$60,000 worth of damage, while in nearby Greenwood the initial tally was \$100,000. On Tuesday, representatives of state and federal disaster agencies were in the area to see for themselves, not only in Woodstock and Greenwood but elsewhere in affected areas of Oxford County. Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said her meeting went quite well. "They believe the County has met the required amount," to qualify for disaster assistance, she said, "so we should be hearing something within the next few weeks regarding more meetings and visits from FEMA." (Photo: Jeff Inman, Chief, Woodstock Fire Department)

Kids

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enrollment in honors or advanced placement classes or even prevented from graduating.

Educational inconsistencies encountered elsewhere by a military mom who now lives in Bethel contributed in part to her decision to homeschool her five kids for a time.

Kristy Aguilar's family moved to four bases as her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Aguilar, served in the U.S. Army.

She said her decision was based primarily on her wish to generally provide consistent instruction to her children. But homeschooling also eliminated the potential roadblocks cited in the new Maine law.

When the Aguilars moved to Bethel 11 years ago, she said, she did not encounter any problems in enrolling her children in SAD44 schools.

Impetus for LD 1324
Jeri Brooks Greenwell of Bethel, national chaplain for the American Legion Auxiliary, recognized the problems faced by some military families in the U.S.

She learned last year from a representative of the Department of Defense of an Interstate Compact, to which several states belonged.

The compact provides flexibility for military children enrolling in school in a new state.

Under the agreement, parents may initially provide unofficial records from a child's previous school, take 30 days to obtain required immunizations, continue a child's enrollment at the same grade

level regardless of age, enroll in honors-type classes based on similar enrollments at the sending school, and employ other provisions that smooth the transition.

"The more [the DOD representative] talked about the issue, and thinking about how many military families that this could affect in Maine, I came home committed to seeing it passed here," said Greenwell.

Crockett, an Army National Guard Afghanistan veteran, was running for the Legislature last year.

Greenwell contacted him "because of his military involvement, and knowing that if elected, he would certainly assist me," she said.

He did. The bill passed as a bipartisan effort, Crockett said.

"It's a good thing for Maine," he said.

The law should have an immediate effect for several National Guard children whose single parents are being deployed to Iraq, said Crockett.

The kids will move to other states to be cared for by relatives, he said. "The states will have to treat Maine children in the same way they treat their own," he said.

He praised Greenwell's effort. "It makes you feel good when one individual comes up with an idea and it comes to fruition," he said.

He said he believes Maine is the 18th state to enact the compact.

Next week's signing by the governor is largely ceremonial, Crockett said.

Briefly

Computer program delayed

BETHEL—Due to changes in the computer collection dates at the state level, the SAD 44 computer purchase program will be delayed until the computers become available to the district, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. Future updates will be included in the Bethel Citizen. Information on the specifications for the computers offered is available on the SAD44 website at www.sad44.org.

30-hour famine effort this weekend

BETHEL—The Bethel Alliance Church Youth Group participates July 12-13 in the nationwide 30 Hour Famine event, sponsored by the World Vision Christian relief and development organization. From noon on the 12th until 6 p.m. on the 13th, the teens will fast at the Bethel Alliance Church to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face. Leading up to the event, the teens have been raising funds, with every \$30 raised helping to feed and care for a child for a month in poverty-afflicted countries. A portion of the funds raised also support World Vision's efforts to assist families in need in the U.S. The local teens will also live outside in the back parking lot in cardboard boxes, sleeping on the pavement to better understand being homeless. On the 12th, they will offer a free carwash to the community, as well as collect bottles at the church, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Half of the proceeds from the bottles go to famine relief, and the other half to future youth group expenditures. For more information go to www.30hourfamine.org.

N.H. ski season statistics

NORTH WOODSTOCK, N.H.—The 2008-09 winter yielded another successful winter season for New Hampshire alpine ski and snowboard resorts, according to a release from Ski New Hampshire. New Hampshire's ski resorts have compiled "this past winter's visits and announce a total of 2,289,426 alpine skier and snowboarder visits, a slight decline of 3 percent from the winter of 2007-08, which set the state's all-time record for skier visits. The 2008-09 season was the third best year since statewide skier visits were first tabulated in 1983/84. That number was also 7.3 percent above the average of the past five seasons and up 8.9 percent over the past ten-year average. Cross country areas also had a successful winter, hosting 144,711 visits, a decline of 12 percent from the 2007-08 winter, but still the second best winter in the past six years. Areas with snowtubing parks reported 108,720 snowtubing visits. New Hampshire businesses were also able to benefit from the successful winter. An economic impact study conducted during the record 2007/08 winter showed a total of \$940 million dollars spent by guests visiting N.H. ski areas. This year's numbers are expected to be comparable to the 2007/08 study due to the minor decrease in business levels and slight price increases due to inflation. The 2007-08 season set the all-time mark due to historic snowfall throughout the winter, a welcome relief from several prior winters of relatively low snowfall. The 2008-09 season followed suit with steady snowfall and consistent cold temperatures that kept guests hitting NH's slopes and trails. Several holiday periods yielded strong numbers, which annually can account for as much as 30 percent of the state's ski business. "There were obviously concerns going into this past winter given the state of the economy and fuel prices at that time. While many other areas of the country did feel the impact, we were able to capitalize on good snowfall and weather, the value we offer, and our close proximity to several major New England cities," noted Karl Stone, Ski N.H.'s marketing director. "Business levels may have been able to equal last year's record, but a lack of natural snowfall in March brought the season to an earlier close than usual," said Alice Pearce, Ski N.H.'s president.

Mosquitoes follow rain

PORTLAND—(AP) The heavy June rains across the Northeast have left standing water in bird baths, clogged gutters and other places where mosquito larvae thrive. As a result, scientists are predicting a bumper crop of the bloodsucking insects in many areas. Mosquitoes are more than an annoyance. They also can become a health threat because they transmit the West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis. For now, rain-weary residents of the Northeast are advised to hang onto their bug repellent—and their umbrellas.

MERRILL HILL THE ULTIMATE BACKYARD

Merrill Hill, Sunday River's newest gated neighborhood on 460 acres offers world class amenities at every turn. Imagine your home flanked between Sunday River, Sunday River Golf Club, Ski Trails and Jordan Grand. The general architectural theme and style is best described as a mix between the Grand National Park Lodges "Parkitecture" and smaller scale Adirondack Camps and New England Cottages of the Eastern U.S. Every frontier has a leader and already these "hybrid" mixed media designs are blending with the natural elements on Morganite Way.



All of the streets are named for gemstones and now you can claim to your trophy property. Merrill Hill's street Tourmaline Way is geared up for the start of these style homes inspirational in every way. Tourmaline was the first gemstone to be mined in the U.S. by miners other than pre-historic man or Native Americans. Tourmaline mining began at Mt. Mica in 1822. One of the greatest contributors to Oxford County's resources came from Loren B. Merrill producing both gem quality and mineral specimens of tourmaline.

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Play

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1960s, the second in the present, the third in the future, the fourth in the 1930s and the last one will feature the acting out of a poem bearing the play's title.

The acts will represent a variety of local subjects. For example, the third act looks at Bethel with a zoning ordinance in place, Timberlake said. The issue has sparked considerable debate over the years.

"We have a few interesting possibilities in mind for the role of the code enforcement officer," he said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Several different people will serve as act directors. Lorrie Hoeh and Lynn Arizzi are among them, Timberlake said.

He serves as the lead projection coordinator.

The inspiration

Timberlake, who lived in Bethel during his youth, then moved away for a number of years. The seed that would eventually blossom into the porch play was planted in his mind about five years ago, after returning here to live.

He started work on a play about a family watching their town change, he said. He en-

visioned a production that might take place over several locations in Bethel.

The idea for multiple settings evolved to a porch play when he became involved with BPAP. The drama organization has established a partnership with local businesses and other organizations to bring more activity to

Ross Timberlake started work on a play about a family watching their town change, then envisioned a production that might take place over several locations in Bethel.

the downtown area.

When he decided to use porches for play settings, he said, "I was trying to find out the history about porches in the area when I ran into Stan [Howe, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society]. He said, 'Why don't you do it with Sudbury Canada Days?'"

Sudbury Canada Days is a weekend festival with an historical theme, sponsored by BHS.

Timberlake liked the idea. The porch settings have all been chosen: Mitzi Naples'

porch, next to Philbrook Place (1:30 p.m. start for "When"); Café DiCocca (2:15 p.m. for "The Parade Came By"); Linda Clifford's Scottish and Irish Merchant (3 p.m. for "Our House"); Karen Mohr's in the former Dr. Tibbetts home (3:45 p.m. for "Every Year About This Time"); and, finally, Stan Howe's porch on Broad Street, next to BHS (4:30 p.m. for "We Would Gather on the Porch").

Timberlake will serve the roll of 'town crier,' guiding the audience from porch to porch and enlightening them on Bethel history along the way.

He's suggesting .50 donations to help support the project.

He hopes merchants on Main Street will bring their wares out to the sidewalk to entice the playgoers.

In case of rain, backup plans call for the play to take place in village churches.

Actors still needed

Timberlake is still looking for actors. One act includes a float making its way up Main Street. "We need children who would dress up as animals for the float," he said. "We also need musicians."

Perhams

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THE WAIT IN LINE (center distance) to get into Perham's Friday morning was as long as two hours or more, and cars had to park along the roadside of routes 26 and 219. Across 219, Robert Kolker, of Roberts Hot Dogs (inset) did a brisk business (but he's quick to point out that he usually does). Here, during a relative lull, Alan and Corey Heath of West Paris get ready to enjoy their lunch.

(Photos: M. Daniels)

"I stood in line for two hours," said Randall With- ee, a resident of Gainesville, Fla., who was passing out brochures to next weekend's Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Telstar High School in Bethel. "It's a madhouse."

Storeowner Jane Perham made the decision to shut down the family-owned business opened by her father, Stanley, in 1919. She cited the economy, difficulties in the gem market and the slow-down of tourism in Western Maine. In addition to the store, the business includes a museum of gems, which will be given to a private local party, and quarries that have been popular hunting spots for visitors for decades.

It is not known yet whether the quarries, some of which have been opened for public access, will remain open.

"We've known them for 30 years. We're miners. They taught us how to mine," said Lorraine Chukey of Poland as she waited in the back of the long line early Friday morning.

While there was a lot of good cheer among those in line, it was also a very somber moment for many who have spent years mining in the Perham's mines.

"It's so sad," one customer was heard saying. Several were overheard talking about what a surprise the closure was.

Wade Rainey and Diane Holt of the nearby Western Foothills Benches at routes 26 and 219 caught on early that they could make a buck, too. Rainey simply set up a sign at his parking lot entrance and charged \$3 for noncustomer parking after scores of cars tried to park there without asking. Only a few declined, including a man who decided it was easier to park up the hill on Route 219, but probably decided it wasn't such a good idea as he trudged back up the hill on his way back to his car.

Mike Mentus of Paris decided he couldn't fight the crowds, so his wife shopped in the crowded two-room store filled with wall-to-wall shoppers, some seen spend-

ing as much as \$1,000.

"I gave her my credit card and said, 'Go to it,'" he said as he lay on a hill overlooking the crowds. The shopping spree was spurred by he and his wife Karen's sixth anniversary.

Although he usually picks out something for her, Mentus suggested they go to Perham's to buy something together. But when he got caught in the crunch of the crowds, Mentus decided to come outside. "I came out here to camp," he said as he lay peacefully in the grass.

Although Jane Perham was too busy to speak, her friend Veronica Coland said Perham was simply taken aback by the crowds that grew larger as the day went on.

She figured there would be 15 people. She's overwhelmed," said Coland, who came to shop and ended up getting behind the counter with eight other friends and family members to wait on shoppers.

"I'm coming back," one brave shopper said as she left the store.

Car Show

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ed by Roger Beaudoin, took place on the Bethel common.

This year, said Zinchuk, "Roger and I approached Linda Howe (the founder of the THS show) to see if she wanted to have us take it over. We met with her, and then with Dan Hart (and some of the students) and they have had a renewed interest in running it."

The THS and Corvette events will be combined, and will be known as the Telstar Car Show. It will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"At the end of the show, organizers are planning a parade through downtown Bethel, as well as scenic drives through the nearby mountains," said

Zinchuk. "The local restaurants and lodging places will be offering specials to the car show participants."

Beaudoin said the scenic drive will be about 35 miles.

Format

Cars, trucks and motorcycles of all vintages and types are invited to the show at THS. There will be judging in 21 classes, from antiques to the most recent 2010 models.

Categories include: Antiques to 1935, 1936-1949, Best of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, 1990-2010, all Mopars, Mustangs, Camaros, Firebirds, Chevelles, Corvettes, Imports, Sports Compact, Street Rods, Motorcycles, Special

Interest, and 2-wheel drive, 4x4 and Mini Trucks. The top three in each class will be recognized.

Judging will also include Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Paint and Best Telstar Alumni vehicle.

Admission for one car, with driver and one passenger, is \$5. Spectators will be admitted for \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Music and raffles will be offered. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Telstar High School student programs.

Rain date will be Aug. 16. Further information can be found at www.bethelmaine.com.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July. There is something about that holiday that stimulates some sense of childhood excitement in me. I'm not exactly sure why because when I was a kid my family didn't do anything very exciting for the Fourth.

For a lot of people the fireworks shows take them back to their childhoods, but the only fireworks in my town were at the annual Fireman's Carnival and that didn't coincide with the Fourth of July.

Parades will bring back memories for a lot of people, but not for me. There was no such parade in my town. No patriotic ceremonies. No concerts in the park. Now that I think about it, I came from a pretty boring town.

I'd like to be able to say we always went to the beach or had a family cookout, but we never did. My father would usually get hold of a couple of firecrackers and set them off under a tin can and we kids would look on in awe as the can was propelled several feet into the air. That lasted all of about five minutes.

We never had a grill of any kind so we never had a cookout. I don't remember ever having gone on a Fourth of July picnic. We did, however, have watermelon and strawberry shortcake and that's probably what I remember most.

My brothers and I would sit on the back steps eating our giant slices of watermelon and having seed fights with each other. We always hoped that the seeds that landed willy-nilly all over the backyard would take root and produce more watermelons, but, of course they never did.

The evening meal, whatever it may have been (no memory of that at all) always ended with strawberry shortcake and whipped cream. Sometimes

it was with fresh homemade biscuits and sometimes with store-bought dessert cups. Most of the time we had real whipped cream, but sometimes it was Dream Whip. Cool Whip didn't exist. It was always very good.

Have you ever tried to scrape ashes off of hot dogs?

Now, very well into my adult years I can do whatever I want on the Fourth of July. Usually that means a family cookout. Now that my children are also way into their adult years, they have their fancy gas grills. I generally yield to them as far as the cooking goes.

I think my kids' Fourth of July memories are of the many disasters that took place because my grilling skills left a lot to be desired, at least on that day. It seemed that no matter how many other occasions I created char-grilled culinary masterpieces, on the Fourth of July I became a bar-b-que bumbler.

My timing was one of the problems. I was always so optimistic that the charcoal briquettes would light right away and be ready for grilling in 10 minutes. There were no "ready-to-light" briquettes then and I have been known to go through an entire can of lighter fluid just to get the darn fire going.

Meanwhile, hungry kids would be stuffing themselves with marshmallows and I didn't even have the grill lit. If getting the grill ready wasn't the problem, it was my inept attempt at placing hot dogs and hamburgers where they would cook the best. I can't tell you how many hot dogs have either rolled off the grill completely and landed on

the ground or they would land in the briquettes. Have you ever tried to scrape ashes off of hot dogs?

Too many cookouts were spent waiting for the heat and then waiting for the meat. Too many Fourth of Julys I served burnt hot dogs or under-cooked chicken. Guessing the condition of the food and how long it would take to over/under-cook, it became a family tradition.

This year, however, I was ready and was going to be the Queen of the Grill. The family gathered at a nice picnic spot at the lake and I brought my grill and charcoal. My son-in-law, who considers himself to be the "Grill Master" brought his fancy gas grill. I cooked ribs, which I had actually pre-cooked and marinated in bar-b-que sauce at home. Jay handled the hamburgers and hot dogs.

I fired up my grill with instant light briquettes and got the fire going in record-breaking time. Jay fired up his fancy gas grill. The ribs were cooked to perfection 20 minutes later. The hot dogs were burnt and the burgers were dry. Oh yeah, one of the hamburgers didn't survive Jay's flip technique and landed on the ground. Na, na, na!

You have no idea how many years I've waited to cook the perfect Fourth of July meal. And did I rub it in Jay's face? Oh yeah! I don't think it bothered him though because he was stuffing his face with ribs at the time.

By the time I got done picking on my son-in-law and doing a victory dance the only food left to eat was burnt hot dogs and dry burgers, the ribs were all gone. Oh well, at least I finally got the grilling right and the way I see it, it was worth the dry burger. And later on, strawberry shortcake and whipped cream took me right back to my childhood and was the end to a perfect day.

ACROSS

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5 Oates' partner

9 Learns fact?

14 Spill the beans

18 Art deco designer

19 Concept

20 Spartan serif

21 "Train" (71 hit)

22 Marsh duck

23 Family

24 Cremona craftsman

25 Kickoff

28 Riddle: Part 1

30 Elf

31 "A mouse!"

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33 Paris, to Helen

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52 Actor

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61 Riddle: Part 2

64 With hands on hips

65 Activist

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68 Misdemeanor

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70 Beaver or boater

73 Figs

74 By means of

75 Alphabet sequence

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80 "Waking — Devine" (98 film)

82 Part of SASE

83 Coral outcrop

85 Cruise

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93 Luncheonette lure

94 Every last

96 Bryant or Ekberg

97 "Unforgettable" name

98 Socked a shuttlecock

101 Sharp

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112 Beame or Burrows

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115 Answer to riddle

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126 Dunk it

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130 Seasonal song

131 "Gay"

132 Riyadh resident

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1 Matching places

2 Hands

3 Bountiful settling

4 Oscar — Renta

5 Handle wood

6 Improvise

7 Slender

8 Polaroid inventor

9 Rub the wrong way

10 Some movies

11 Be — unto oneself

12 Lorie role

13 Tend the sauce

14 Stupely

15 Endure

16 Mr. Lucky's card

17 Wager

21 Shooting match?

27 Even if, informally

28 Above, to Arnold

29 Boat bottom

33 Credit alternative

34 "—forgive those..."

35 Bellry sound

36 Buccaneers' quarters

37 Cereal bit

38 Nobelist

40 Remini of "The King of Queens"

41 Furry fisherman

42 Child welfare org.

44 Flier

45 Ms. Streisand

46 "Tennis, —?"

49 Plaza Hotel

51 Lodge brother

54 Library abbr.

56 Keanu of "Hardball"

57 Short races

60 Land a hand

62 Porterhouse alternative

63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"

64 Composer

68 Perceptive

70 Cigar city

71 Lacking principles

72 Honda competitor

76 Skeleton part

79 Snead or Shepard

81 Investigate

83 Capp character

84 "The Elephant Man" director

86 Vapor

88 Nautical adverb

89 Gardener's tool

90 Mideastern dough

91 "Ripley's Believe — Not"

92 Conductor Jeffrey

94 Collectibles, collectively

99 Trivoli's Villa d'—

100 Blood count?

102 "Out of Africa" setting

105 "— of a Doubt" (43 film)

107 Cello part

109 Wine word

111 Hurler

113 Greek consonants

114 Correctional

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118 Sonny

118 Aware of

119 Gowned figure

120 Blood components

121 Gulf country

122 "A Tiger Walks" actor

123 Philanthropist

124 Off, equipment

125 Sneaky sort

129 Turn sharply

Supercrossword

"Hop Till You Drop"

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, July 5

At 10:27 a.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to Evergreen Road to assist Bethel Rescue on a medical call.

Saturday, July 4

At 11:53 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Mason Street for a report of an intoxicated subject causing a disturbance. The subject was warned for disorderly conduct.

(Time not available) Officer George Gould responded to Mill Hill for a report of several juveniles riding three-wheeled children's toys down the hill. There was no one there when the officer arrived, but he did locate a three-wheeled toy on the side of the road.

Friday, July 3

At 1:21 a.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 232 for a report of a domestic incident. The complainant said a subject had assaulted her, and as he left the residence he struck a window with his hand, breaking the window and cutting his wrist. Tri-Town Rescue responded and treated the subject. He was treated and taken to the hospital for further evaluation before being taken to the Oxford County Jail. Carlos E. Boyd, 37, of Bethel, was charged with domestic assault.

Thursday, July 2

At 9:49 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to the East Bethel Road for a report of shots fired near a residence. The officer found no indication of such an incident.

Wednesday, July 1

At 11:47 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to the Songo Pond Road for a single vehicle crash. The driver went off the road and struck a culvert. There were no injuries.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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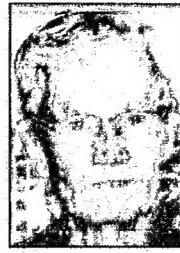
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July 7, 11:15 p.m.: Sarah M. Page, 23, of West Paris, failure to appear, operating after suspension, operating an unregistered motor vehicle; by Trooper Jason Wing on the East Bethel Road.

July 5, 3:30 a.m.: Allen E. Leonard Jr., 36, of Albany, criminal mischief, habitual offender, theft; by Trooper Paul Casey in Bethel.

July 3, 4:15 a.m.: Carlos E. Boyd, 37, of Bethel, domestic assault; by BPD Officer George Gould on North Road in Bethel.

Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

Town Manager Jim Deor took over Bethel's reins of government

last week. The editorial staff of the Mayville News wishes him well in his new job.

The Cross Country Quilters had their biannual quilt show at the Middle Intervale Meeting House on June 26 and 27. There were over 100 new and antique quilts displayed. Most were made by members of the quilt group or their family. We raised over \$800 for the Middle Intervale Meeting House. They are also selling raffle tickets for a wall hanging. Proceeds from that will go to sustain the group's activities which include making comfort quilts for local residents burned from their home, and "wrap a smile" quilts which are donated to Rotoplast for children in third world countries who have had cleft pallet surgery. They also make a quilt annually for the library to raffie. Tickets were on sale at The Art Fair and will be on Mollycodd Day. They are also available at The Quilt Shop at the Rostay on the Mayville Road across from Irving Gas Station.

An initial report of the Rotary Club auction noted that the event would probably show a net sale of \$6,000 after expenses. A last-minute C-note was added to the kitty when a bottle of 1928 Bordeaux wine caused a re-opening of the auction. This should have made the net profit go to \$6,100.

Les Otten announced officially that he would scan Maine's gubernatorial

horizon. This announcement made the Baltimore Sun on June 29 plus a host of websites. At this point he would be seeking the Republican nomination. The Sun also reported that William J. Ryan, chairman of the Board of TD Banknorth, would chair the exploratory committee. Otten's campaign website is lesotten.com.

Two other Bethel citizens have been candidates for governor but not recently — they were Paul Thurston and Col. Clark Edwards. Col. Edwards, a Democrat, ran against Joseph Bodwell of Hallowell, Republican, in 1886 and was defeated. However Bodwell died in office the next year.

Edwards was a Civil War hero, a member of Maine's commission on monuments at Gettysburg and a committee member of the Maine building at the Chicago World Fair in 1893. Edwards did extensive lumber contracting especially with the Grand Trunk to which he supplied rail ties.

Paul Thurston was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1928, 1936, 1940 and 1944. He had a voter base in both Bethel and Rumford besides his statewide party following. Mr. Thurston owned the J.A. Thurston Company, located at Hale with an office in Bethel, and was a director of the Rumford Falls Trust Co. He was a member of the Rumford Rotary Club and the Bethel Lions Club. Due to his mill and lumber interests he traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. (By next week, I hope to have more of his campaign details.)

Saturday our rainy weather broke out some sunshine long enough to give the 20th annual Bethel Art Show a chance. In late mid-morning a decent crowd of shoppers, sightseers and socializers had made their way to the common. The "art" in Art Show has been broadened as each year comes and goes. Saturday's scene on the common recalls the name first given to what is now Mollycodd Day — Bethel Bazaar. Overall this fair gives everyone a chance to socialize and see what is on display in our art bazaar/fair on the common — a popular one-day marketplace. Kudos to the Bethel chamber staff, they do a first-rate job each year in organizing this event.

Janet Willie's art show, also on Saturday, turned out, as it has previously, to be an excellent at-home style, gallery exhibit — a fine alternative to the larger show on the common. This was the fifth year of the show, called Shy, Novice and Closeted. Overall Kathy and I thought that Walter Clark's work was excellent vintage: Walter, the thoughtful violinist, and the recycling crew. Best new face was a figure done by an artist whose name we could not make out. Definitely an art show housed indoors this year had the advantage of reliable protection from rainy weather. (If you are into art history, the Bethel Library has an excellent book titled: "The Judgment of Paris: The Revolutionary Decade That Gave the World Impressionism" by Ross King. It tells how Napoleon III gave artists rejected from

the uptight, juried exhibition a chance to exhibit in a separate venue.)

Bethel Inn happenings this week included a wedding weekend for one of the inn's timeshare owners — fifty-two guests made up the Binkowski/Graham wedding party. On Sunday the Peters' family baby shower was made up of more than twenty family members and friends. The inn also welcomed returning guests from Beverly, Mass., the Joan Campbell party and from Boxford, Mass., the Joseph Smidt party.

Who invited the bear for lunch? Saturday while we were having lunch in the kitchen, a young bear was getting his lunch from our birdfeeder. After getting a quick photo of him through a window, I tried for a close-up from our deck. Our dog, Hays, and visiting Lab, Freckles, chased the bear up a tree. After a brief standstill, the bear came down and ran to another tree. Hays was the chaser and Freckles assumed a back-up role. Then the bear apparently had enough and growled a message to the dogs to back off. Bear came down the tree and ran off toward the River View. Probably the same bear returned that night and knocked down two birdhouses mounted on long pipes that have survived for years.

Sunday, being past the 4th of July, we toured a number of well-known swimming holes to see if summer had come at all. Starting at the new Frenchman's Hole we found two cars and one family who

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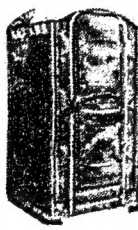
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Saturday, July 11
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had driven from Pownal were climbing over the ledges—no swimming and the falls were roaring. Next stop was the old Frenchman's Hole below twin bridges. Two cars were parked at the trailhead and two families were enjoying the ledges—no swimmers—river quite high. Third stop was at Letter S pool. One family was there, some wading and some fishing. Next stop was Artist Bridge where six cars were parked. Visitors were coming and going. The river was too high for swimming but some people were fishing. The last stop was at Angevine Park—no one was there. On our trip the busiest place by far was the Brew Pub—must have been more than thirty cars and motorcycles. Final scorecard: Sightseeing and exploring—4; swimming—0.

West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh

We just returned on Monday from a week (plus travel time) of

fishing in Algonquin Park, Ontario, with two out of three of our descendants and their families. It was nice to see the sun most of the drive back, even though it rained at least once every one of the seven days that we spent in the park. (Could have used a bit more sun up there!) It was also a treat to see the lupines in Upton still in bloom. I think that Upton must be the lupine capital of Maine.

Even though we had all the aforementioned rain, we did catch plenty of lake trout—21 in all, keeping only what we needed to eat. I always tease that the whole country of Canada celebrates my birthday—July 1—because it's Canada's birthday also. My family treated me to a special "outback" party, complete with homemade gifts, hand-written songs, and a delicious cake. One gift was handmade wine charms from granddaughter Molly; another was a necklace of 75 beads (one for each year I've been around!), made by granddaughters Louisa and Elisabeth. I am one lucky grandma, mother, mother-in-law, and wife!

On a more sober note, we learned that our friend, Gwyneth Bohr, passed away while we were gone. She was a very special lady who lived an amazing life, and she will be missed by her many friends and family. Our sincere condolences go to her widower, Ken. We hope he finds comfort in the days and weeks to come.

While driving through Grafton Notch on Monday, we decided to make a quick stop at Screw Auger Falls before the final leg of the homeward trip, seeing as how there had been just as much rain in Maine as in Ontario. Not only were the falls spectacular, but an unexpected coincidence had us meeting up with Nancy Davis, who was ushering around her brother and his family.

From John Applin comes the news that the Pleasant Valley Grange has once more begun its summer flea market. The sale will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., excepting Mollycoddett Day, when it will be closed so that everyone can enjoy Bethel's big day. Be sure to stop by often this summer to find that very special item you've always wanted.

A reminder to friends of the late Joe Gable: there will be a memorial service celebrating his life this Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m. at 853 Flat Road. A reception will follow.

This is Week 2 of Music Without Borders at Gould Academy. Tamara Poddubnaya and her piano students from around the world will be performing in recitals on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Trustees Auditorium in McLaughlin Science Building, this week and next.

Since I'm writing this on the day we returned from our trip, there is a lot of dirty laundry to be taken care of, so guess I'd best get going.

Let me hear from you: dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Upton



by
Laurie Brown

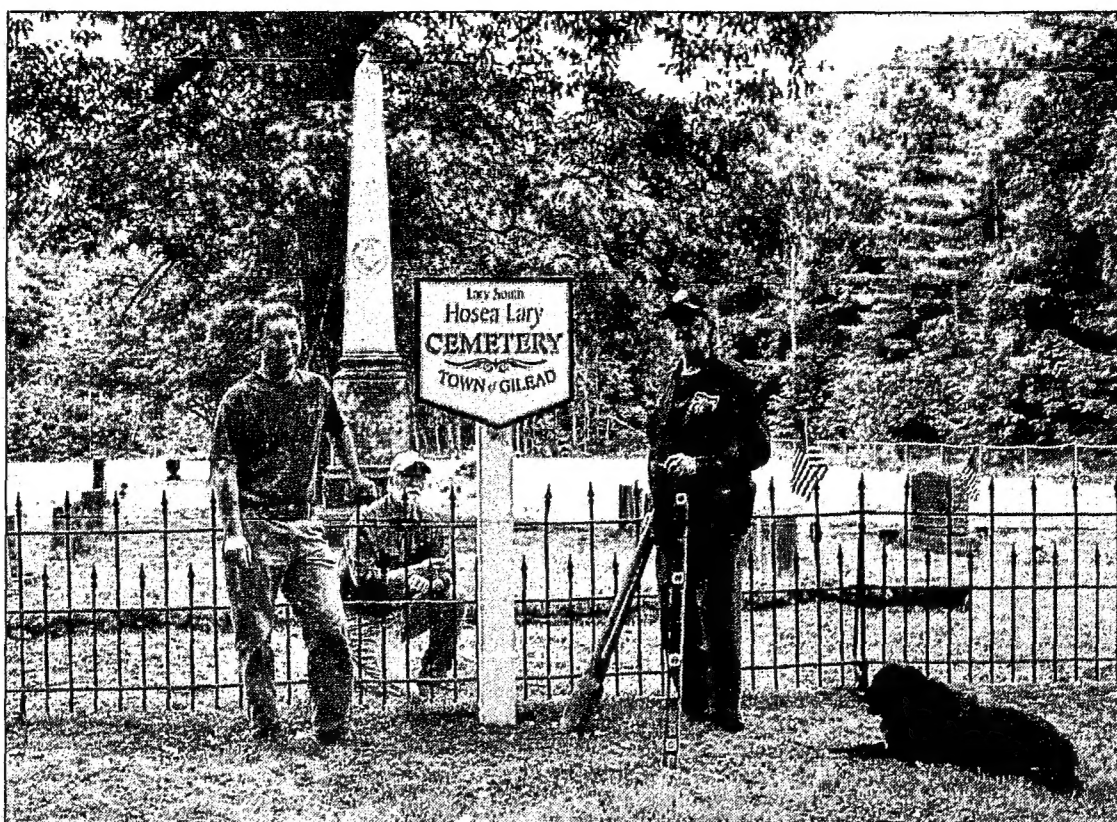
What great fun having a float in the Errol parade ... I believe this

was a first for Upton. The rain held off during the parade, which was a bonus.

The church will be opened to visitors on July 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Add that to the list of Upton Fun Day activities I previously described.

With sincere thanks to Western Maine Supply in Bethel for donating faucets, to Andy and Leslie Aron for sharing their water and to Bob Brown for making all the connections and doing the work, the Ladies Aid building now has both hot and cold water! Charlotte Dominique will be especially appreciative since she's the "designated dish washer."

Western Maine has also donated 3 countertops to the organization and is negotiating



SIGNS FOR THE CEMETERIES—The Gilead Historical Society used the proceeds from the book "The Cemeteries of Gilead, Maine," by Hugh and Linsley Chapman, to purchase signs for all four Gilead cemeteries. The signs were painted by Don Katlin. The work crew that installed them: Brad McLain, Hugh Chapman, Steve McLain, and Laney, the little black dog.

with Bob the best price they can offer us on some much needed pressure treated timbers to shore up the kitchen floor, which is now resting on rotted timbers and the ground.

A crew cleaned the schoolhouse over the weekend in preparation for the upcoming open house.

THERE IS A CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS. The library will be open Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. (instead of Wednesdays). Children's story hour will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. As pre-stated, the library will also be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bob, Deb and Elsie Thompson from Hampton, NH are enjoying time at their camp on Back Street. Hannah and Ryan were there over the weekend.

From a list of interesting "facts" I read, "The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear." Ernest, do you suppose this fact bears any similarity to the poser, "If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there, does it still make a noise?" All this rain has befuddled my brain.

At 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon one day last week, I heard coyotes howling very, very close to our cabin. Our "little" puppy was outside, and I panicked.

Fortunately he responded immediately to my frantic scream and came in ... the coyotes quit their howling as well. It gave me the hiccups to have them so close in broad daylight.

Have a wonderful week. Selah

East Bethel



by
Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting on July 10

with a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Alder River Grange will be uptown on Mollycoddett Day to sell smoothies and baked goods. Our table will be set up on Stan Howe's lawn. There may be some handcrafted items.

It was nice to know there is still a sun in the sky. Sunday was glorious with sun, wind and moving flags.

I watched a little tennis on Sunday and a lot of golf; had to see Tiger Woods win the game. He did!

No news again in East Bethel. God Bless the Troops.

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

The month of June has gone by, July has arrived and hopefully summer will

be here soon!

My brother, Steve McLain, has been home on vacation the past couple of weeks and has been trying to get out to work in his garden. Every time he gets ready, it begins to rain again.

Lise McLain took her father, Gerard Dupont, to Portland last week for his doctor's appointment.

for the future.

Got any news? E-mail: chapmal@hotmail.com or call 836-2987.

Andover



by Melinda
Averill

Hello Andover Friends! With all of this warm weather (yeah right),

it's time to think about winter and keeping warm. Representatives from Community Concepts will be in Andover to sign people up for their fuel assistance program. Call (800) 866-5588 to make an appointment.

Don't forget the Variety Show this Saturday, July 11, at the first Congregational Church. It starts at 7 p.m.

The Andover Little League softball team has a home game tonight, Thursday, July 9, starting at 5:30. They also have another home game next Wednesday, July 15.

Congrats to the following Andover students who made the honor roll for the fourth quarter at Telstar, Grade 12: Katherine Macgregor, Whitney Mills, Audianna Woods, Grade 10: Elek Pew. Grade 9: Adam Mahar. Grade 8: Gabrielle Conrad, Jennaalee Putnam. Grade 6: Maureen Glover, Katherine Merrill, Joseph Putnam, and Taran Vitale.

Don't forget that next Tuesday, July 14, there is no selectmen's meeting; there will be a workshop instead at the town office from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Attention Andover youth! This year at Olde Home Days, the Andover Alumni Association will be running the Moon Bounce, a game, beside the town hall. We are looking to solicit help from the Junior and Senior classes to help out for a minimum of an hour each student. You can partner up with a friend also! Give me a call to schedule your time! (Beanie, 392-2941 or Peg, 392-1691)

Swimming lessons will be held at Roxbury Pond starting July 20th. Registration is from Noon to 12:30 p.m. on the first day.

Enjoy the weekend.

Newry



by
Sylvia
Harrington

As I was about to start the column I looked out the

window and a mother deer and two spotted fawns were walking across the property in the same spot the lone turkey was walking last week.

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Some of the weeds out here are higher than the flowers. It did seem nice to be able to hang the geranium plant and uncover the potted plants to grow in the sunshine.

Brenda Bartholemew and Maxmillian walked over for a visit and tea on Saturday afternoon. It was raining a bit but that didn't stop her as she likes to do at least two miles twice a day. She did call Bob as she was leaving and asked him to rescue her if it should start to really storm as it had been off and on all during the day.

Sunday I drove over to Roxbury Pond to visit Saul, John and my niece Rebecca, and Brian Dunton. We had coffee and caught up on lots of things.

Rebecca had her laptop with her and showed me pictures of a lovely home they are in process of purchasing. It had been awhile since I had seen Rebecca.

Brian works at Sears in Rumford so I get to see him occasionally as I go down to shop.

There was lots of activity at the pond yesterday with a graduation party next door at the Carignan's. Fr. Moots Carignan, Bizz's brother from Mississippi was here for the occasion and will be at the pond through the month of July.

On my way home I stopped in Andover to visit with Fran and Wayne Kerchner who had invited me to dine with them.

We had a lovely supper after looking over the flower gardens they had planted, which are very eye-pleasing. They are using cocoa beans as a soil enhancer.

I had never heard of this method. Also, while out we saw a black rabbit that has been around the neighborhood for quite some time and gets fed salad foods near their back door. They head home to Wellesley, Mass. on Monday.

Claire and Cassidy Webster still have home-grown chickens' eggs for sale at the price of \$3.50 a dozen at the BRT. The Post is now offering frozen bait and frozen pizza. Give the Post a call at 824-2327 for more information.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester
The Hanover Planning Board met Wednesday, July 1.
Chairman

Steve Pelletier welcomed John Booth as an alternate to the Board. John was recently appointed by the selectmen to the position to replace Jeff Watts who has become vice-chairman.

The Board approved a building application for a new house and garage on South Shore Road where work is expected to begin soon. A permit has also been issued at the Hanover Pines Subdivision, the fourth permit there this year. The Board had a discussion with Louise Jonaitis, Bob Brown and others relating to logging operations in Newry that are accessed through roads in Hanover.

Members of the Planning Board expressed concern for areas in the Howard Pond watershed area. Appearing before the Planning Board was Derek Souve who reported on landscaping work on his Howard Pond Road property. The next Planning Board meeting is expected to be Aug. 5.

The Gardner Roberts Memorial Library "Bees" have begun quilting. Sessions are held each Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m., and the hope is that the Gathering Place will be full of quilters and those interested in learning quilting.

There was a large crowd of young folks, parents and grandparents at the children's craft and reading time on Wednesday, July 1, while the children and some of the adults crafted stars in recognition of Independence Day. The summer reading program began July 1 and will continue until Aug. 10. It sounds like a delicious program as it has been named "Ice Cream for Books." Readers in age group 2 to 5 receive a prize for each two hours of reading; those in the 6 to 10 age group receive a prize for three hours of reading; age 11 to 14 achieve a prize for every five hours of reading; and age group 15

to adult will receive a raffle ticket or the Ice Cream for Books theme basket. If the books are chosen from GRML two tickets will be awarded. Participants do not need to be from Hanover.

For the past 35 years Bob Susbury has been the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitor for Howard Pond. Readings are taken every other Sunday from ice-out until October between 10 a.m. and noon. The readings show water clarity in the pond at the deepest part. He uses a Secchi Disk and Scope. Bob will be at the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library on Thursday, July 9, 6 to 8 p.m. to tell more about this activity and to try out the equipment using the Internet. Two computers are available at the library and anyone can bring their own laptop. This program should be of interest to those from Howard Pond, Hanover and the surrounding area.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library is now the regional site for data collection for the Audubon annual Loon Count. Known as Region 12a, this area takes in 15 lakes and ponds including Howard Pond, Worthly Pond and Roxbury Pond.

Peg Susbury has counted loons for Howard Pond for many years and when there was a need for a new data-collection site she stepped forward to assist. Loon information will be forwarded to her at GRML, PO Box 64, Hanover, ME 04237 and then to Audubon. A loon photo contest is open July and August for anyone who is interested. Contact Audubon at www.maineaudubon.org for more information.

Special holiday weekend guest with Donna and Clem Worcester was Ashley Glover from Carthage.

Spending the weekend with Bill and Gail Worcester were Daren, Fran and Wyatt Worcester from Hooksett, N.H., and Brad and Amanda Worcester from Lewiston.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
My condolences to the family and friends of James Mullen.

James died last Saturday night because of an ATV accident in Stoneham. Please, if you drive or ride an ATV, wear a helmet. I call motorcyclists who don't wear helmets OD's, organ donors.

Andover resident Joshua Rainey needs your help. It seems that the honor student from Mt. Valley Middle School and also a winner of the Outstanding Scholarship Citizenship Award has a chance to go to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to attend the Cal Ripkin Baseball Camp in August. The problem is that he must earn some money to be able to afford the trip. If you need any lawns mowed, gardens weeded, or have work that needs doing, please give Josh a call at 392-1113. Adam Volkernick from Rumford, a member of the same team as Josh, is also looking forward to going. I hope they both have a great time. Future Red Sox players maybe?

I know that we live in the country, and that on occasion we will see deer, moose, wild turkeys, fox, and skunks along the side of the road or even in the middle of it. But a fifteen-foot snake and a tree-climbing black bear is really, really telling me that we live in the middle of nowhere. Or if we don't live in the middle of nowhere, we can see it from here. Okay, maybe a bear isn't that big of a deal, but that damn snake is. I am now afraid to go to Rumford until they catch that thing. I really can't believe that anybody in their right mind would want one for a pet, and how on earth can you lose one?

As I am writing this, I can see blue sky out the window. I hope by writing this that I

don't jinx us. I think everyone has had enough rain for a while and if I hear anyone say threat of a drought, I think I'll scream.
See 'ya.

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

There was a strange thing out there in the world this morning. I just knew that something was wrong and was about to bury my head under the pillow. And then it struck me, that it just might be a phenomena of awesome magnitude. It really was the sun, which has been a planet out there in space that must have lost its way. And there were actually a few fluffy white clouds gliding by in the winds aloft. What a grand way to start a day!

Saturday afternoon, Anita and I attended the Blazing Star Lodge Public Supper. Joe and crew did a wicked good job of preparing the Bean Hole Beans. I just had to have some of everything and twice on a couple of beans. And it was good visiting with everyone.

The Post 68 Bingo was very busy last week. We need holiday weeks more often and we could really start several

programs in grand style. And we gained a new legion member too. Jeff Perham just retired a few days ago from the same Civil Engineering Sq. I retired from at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. Welcome to the Legion family, Jeff.

There will be a benefit supper for Lori Pulsifer, who is recovering from cancer surgery. Please come out and support us so that Lori and Kenny can concentrate on her recovery. The supper will be on Saturday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m. The location is at the Legion Hall at 595 Gore Road in Locke Mills. Supper will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. There will be a "Ticket Auction" and many nice prizes lined up to date. FMI: call Dorene at 674-2346.

Also, the Legion Auxiliary will be doing the monthly Supper Dance on July 14. The doors will be open at 4 p.m. and dinner served at 5:30 p.m. The "Country Lads" will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure. Anita and her crew will be preparing baked chicken, salads and other good things to eat.

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(Photos: art displays, M. Daniels; fireworks, A. Aloisio)

With organizations around the region to host fun and exciting activities. These activities will range from viewing live animals and fishing adventures to a soothing moonlight paddle and owl prowling.

Starting July 11 at the Errol School from 1 to 2 p.m., the Chewonki naturalists will slither things off with their presentation of "Scales and Tales." Many of our guests hear the word "reptile" and think of something that is slimy or a type of monster wanting blood. The Chewonki naturalists will

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On July 18 come on out to Upton School from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with the Refuge for "Enjoyable Edibles." For centuries local residents have used hundreds of different edible species and medicinal plants found in our forests. The North Woods Stewardship Center will lead visitors on a wilderness trip to inform them about medicinal plants, provide a demonstration,



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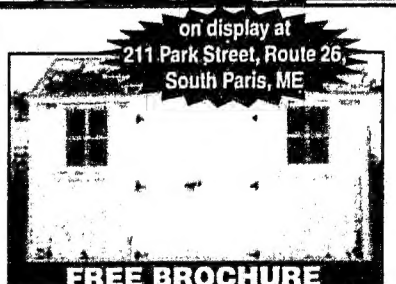
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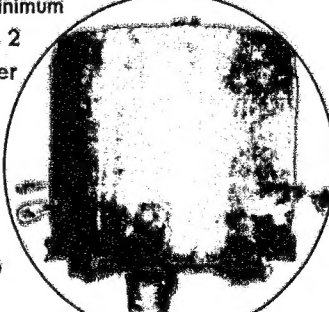
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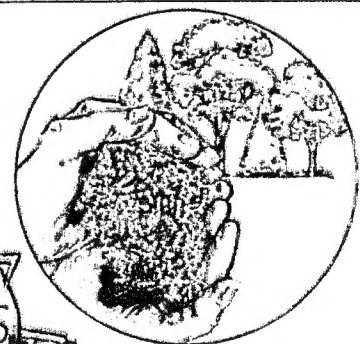
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The Chewonki will return again July 23 at Umbagog Lake State Park from 1 to 2 p.m. to help visitors investigate the role of "Predators" in our landscape. Visitors will gain a great understanding of how the Chewonki explore ideas about predators, and what their future holds in this region. To maximize the overall experience, the Chewonki decided to provide live predators that will be available for visitors to examine.

If you thought July was the experience of a lifetime that was just the beginning, see what we have in store for August. To start things off Aug. 1, Lin Toombs the visitor's service/public-use intern will bring to you an exciting, informative presentation on Loons at the Town Hall from 6 to 7 p.m. He will give an overview of the many aspects a loon possesses. Come out and experience this enjoyable and lifelong lesson.

On Aug. 7 at Umbagog Refuge office on Route 16, the Androscoggin River Watershed Council will introduce visitors to a Moonlight Paddle and Owl Prowl starting at 6 p.m., with the theme "Who Cooks For You?" One of the calls in the wild, the Barred Owl is always wondering who the cook is at your house. Come on out to paddle along the Megalloway and Androscoggin rivers to the backwaters and listen for the calls of the owls in the region.

Aug. 14 at Potter Farm starting at 9 a.m. (must RSVP), grab your bait and extend your line of thought with the New Hampshire Fish and Game presentation of "Let's Go Fishing" at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. During this event friends and family will be able to connect and experience all they will need to enjoy this special sport. Visitors will be taught about equipment, safety, knot tying, fish identification, basic ecology and different casting techniques. Then during the afternoon, everyone will have a chance to go out on the boats and practice their new techniques in Umbagog

DBA: Bethel Bicycle

Peter Southam recently opened Bethel Bicycle at 53 Mayville Road. The full-service shop sells mountain and road bike brands including Kona, Orbea, Schwinn and GT, as well as accessories. Bethel Bicycle specializes in repairs. "We can pretty much fix anything — make your bike as good as new, or better," says Southam, who has served as cycling coach at Gould Academy for the past six years. Later this summer look for bicycle rentals to be offered, possibly including some tandems. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (824-0100; www.bethelbicycle.com; peter@bethelbicycle.com)

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Lake.

The "Connecting with Nature" series at Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge will provide new opportunities for families to get out and enjoy the wilds of Maine and New Hampshire. Space is limited on some of the programs, so registration is required. Please contact the Refuge office to register by calling (603) 482-3415, ext. 10.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The 17th annual community picnic featuring a two-hour concert by the Portland Brass Quintet was held at noon on July 4 on the grounds of the Dr. Moses Mason House and after the rain came in the bandstand on the Bethel Common as part of the Bethel Art Fair. Prior to the concert, Representative Jarrod Crockett delivered some brief remarks on the importance of this day in our nation's history. Following his appearance, the color guard of the Mundt-Allen Post 81 American Legion presented the colors.

President and Board Chair Susan Herlihy thanked all of the sixty-six sponsors who made this event possible,

including: Bessie M. Bennett, Bethel; Jane W. Hosterman, West Bethel; Nancy H. Mercer, Bethel; Eric and Lucia Schwarz, Bethel; Virginia Cole, Bethel; David Kristol and Marjorie Brandiss, Summit, N.J.; Jack and Lucy Nordahl, Bethel; Norman and Joan Putnam, Bryant Pond; Janet Stowell, Bethel; Edna York, Bethel; Colwyn F. Haskell, Bethel; Walter and Carol Hatch, Bethel; Christine B. Otten, Brookline, Mass.; Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga, Bethel; Thomas H. Mitchell, Culver City, Calif.; William and Deborah Andrews, Newry; Hi and Mary Lou Berry, Newry; Leland R. Brown, Tavares, Fla.; Burt deFrees, Rumford; William Kieffer, III and James May, Boston, Mass.; Mundt-Allen Post 81, American Legion, Bethel; Carolyn Nygren, St. Petersburg, Fla.; James and Lucia Owen, Stoneham; Jean K. Owen, Bethel; Bob and Nancy Chadbourne, Bethel; Mike and Lorrie Hoeh, Albany Township; Charles and Frances Richmond, Simi Valley, Calif.; Richard and Sally Taylor, Bethel; Alden and Mabel Kennett, Bethel; Carol Nielson, Bethel; Mary Eichel, Bethel; Sue and Linc Fiske, Bethel; Rose Mary McLean, Bryant Pond; James and Julie Bennett, West Paris; Henry and Patricia Stewart, Bryant Pond; the Helen and John Kubach Trust; Stan Howe,

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Since this picnic/concert was held during the annual Bethel Art Fair, the society conducted a silent auction of paintings by society longtime member and local painter, Helen Morton, who died earlier this year. Her family presented the society with four of her paintings to be auctioned off at this year's event. Bids were received on all four paintings.

A well-known and accomplished artist for many years in western Maine, Mrs. Morton was also a guide in the society's Dr. Moses House for over thirty years and a dedicated volunteer who was honored in 1991 with the society's Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award.

Summer Intern
Edith Doyle of Bethel, age 15, a home-schooled student, has been selected as the 2009 Summer Intern at the Bethel Historical Society according to Executive Director Stanley R. Howe, Ph.D. She was endorsed by the society's Education Committee, which reviews and interviews applicants and makes a recommendation to

the executive director each year.

Edie has been involved with the society for several years. In 2006, she and her father and sister joined the society and attended a society course on Maine and the Civil War, which resulted in developing Edie's interest in local and regional history. For the past several months, Edie has also been volunteering at the society, transcribing oral history tapes, checking oral history transcripts, and assisting with mailings and events.

As an intern, Edie will be providing tours of the Dr. Moses Mason House, conducting walking tours of the Bethel Historic District, writing historical essays, assisting with events and mailings, working on oral history projects, and helping with advancing the development of a junior historical society.

Funds for this year's internship were provided by a grant from the Morton-Kelly Trust.

"We are, of course, delighted to have such an outstanding and highly motivated individual as Edie Doyle with us this year," said Dr. Howe in making the announcement. "She is very eager to learn all she can this summer and that is always a very good thing," he added.

The society's internship

program is one of several programs designed to encourage the participation of elementary and high school students in expanding their knowledge of local and regional history.

From

Mahoosuc Arts Council

ARTirondack Auction

Images of mountain ridge lines, trout, lighthouses, loons, the night sky, summer daisies, tribal patterns and even classic rock icons adorn the curves and lines of this year's ARTirondack Chairs which will be auctioned during the Mollyockett Day celebration at 2 p.m., Saturday July 18, 2009 on the Bethel Common. The annual auction is named for the artful designs of the one-of-a-kind paintings by Western Maine Artists and the Adirondack chairs hand-made by craftsman Reggie Brown. The event will again be officiated by Auctioneer Joe Gaidis.

The interesting variety of chairs reflects the array of 17 artists and organizations which contributed time, energy and resources to this special project including: Tera Ingraham, Height of Land; Jewel Clark, Loons and Lily Pads; Katherine McGregor, Nature's Wish; Darcie Buker, Lookin' Out My Back Door; Bethel Peace Pals, May Peace Prevail; Sara Shepley, Celebrate Cincuenta; Irina Kahn, "A Maine Summer; Suzanne Hardy, Points East; Lauren Head, Trout Surround; Carrie Boelsma, Summer Days; Molly Keane, Farewell Beautiful; Brandon Roberts, Moose Caves; Chris Davies, Rockin' Chair; Troy Jordan, A New Day; Ingleside Classical Childcare, Your Majesty; Mahoosuc Montessori, Loves Me; and the Early Minds at Gould Academy, Purple Polka-Licious.

Images of the chairs can be previewed at www.mahoosucarts.org or under Joe Gaidis' profile at www.auctionzip.com/ME-Auctioneers/32589.html.

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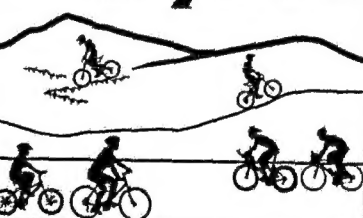
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old Samantha Southam. Samantha has been attending Mollyockett Day for as long as she can remember. For many years this ambitious young lady has run in the road race which kicks off the day's festivities and she has always entered her favorite Molly Day event: the Frog Jumping Contest.

Samantha is a Gould Academy student entering her junior year this fall. In addition to studying classical flute, the daughter of Sarah and Peter Southam is an avid athlete playing on the Gould Varsity Soccer Team, and also loves Nordic skiing and tennis. Samantha's concern for the environment is reflected by her involvement in Gould Goes Green.

In addition, she is a member of the National Honors Society and has recently received the Carolyn Wollen Award and Most Improved in Soccer and Tennis. For Samantha, Mollyockett Day means: "happiness, friends, traditions, memories and most of all, family.... It will always be the one day of the year that the whole town gathers and celebrates summer and the life they have!"

Get Your GREEN on!

Parade
Parade Judges Michele Perejda, Tom White and Peter Eichhorn are preparing to determine the three trophy-winning floats that best represent the environmentally-oriented theme.

Owner of Dream Realty and Sunday River Artisans, Michele Perejda lives in Newry with her son Matthew, a senior at Gould Academy. Her business and lifestyle reflect a commitment to community and family. Her real estate company also serves as an artisan gallery, promoting and supporting local artists and craftsmen. A member of the Bethel Rotary, a Story Time volunteer at the Bethel Library, and a member of the Gould Academy Parents Association, Michele also loves gardening and skiing. She plants flowers for the Newry triangle every year and ski instructs part-time at Sunday River. Her business motto is "Live your Dream!"

A self-taught West Texas artist, Tom White moved to an historic property with a great barn in Bethel in 2002, where he set about to live his dream of becoming a full-time sculptor. Tom's public art sculpture scenes of soldiers, families, civic, Biblical and historical

figures can be seen from California to Florida, from Texas to Canada, in England and soon to be in Edinburgh, Scotland. Meeting great people and being able to convert their dream and vision into a three-dimensional sculpture has been very rewarding for this Bethel sculptor. This month, the Brooks Wallace National Shortstop of the Year Award Trophy created by Tom for the College Baseball Foundation and Hall of Fame was presented in Lubbock, Texas.

Peter Eichhorn of C + C Insulation in Greenwood rounds out the panel of judges, bringing a professional perspective on the application of the environmental parade theme. His company uses a "green" product, which consists of recycled materials that resist fire, insects, mold and mildew. Peter believes it is time to be thinking "greener" and to find ways to maximize recycling and save energy so that our world is less dependent on oil.

FMI please call 824-3575 for a participation form and liability waiver. For a full list of Mollyockett Day events please visit www.MahoosucArts.org.

From

White Mountain National Forest

The recent storms have resulted in record rainfall accumulation on the White Mountain National Forest. Rivers and streams have risen significantly. Waterway depth, clarity, speed, and hydraulic force in the already swollen rivers will change rapidly after heavy rainfall events.

Extreme caution should be used when crossing rivers or entering the water.

Trails are wet and muddy resulting from several inches of summer rain. Expect to encounter fallen trees in trails from the recent storm events.

Unpaved surfaces are very soft and muddy in some locations. Please use caution when traveling on unpaved and snow-covered surfaces.

Please visit the White Mountain National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/white.

Wednesdays with a Ranger
The White Mountain National Forest, in partnership with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), is presenting their 13th season of the Wednesday



COME OUT AND PICK
June's persistent rains turned the dirt road through the strawberry fields at Barton's in Albany into quagmires. But fortunately, the fields are on a slope and the berry plants escaped the flooding. On Saturday, many pickers wore waterproof boots or simply went barefoot. "Barefoot is the way to go," said picker Sheryl Morgan of Woodstock. "I grew up on a farm, so I'm used to this. I could stay out here all day." Margaret Barton, however, has had her fill. "I haven't worn shoes in 10 days," she said as she weighed strawberries for customers. "I've never seen a June like this. I've had enough mud to last for the rest of my life." At right, pickers pick their way across a bridge of pallets to get to one section of field. This week brought a larger percentage of sunny days. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



Night with a Ranger speaker series. Beginning on Wednesday, July 1, U.S. Forest Service employees will present a different topic each Wednesday in July and August at 8 p.m. in the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center dining room. Each week offers a new opportunity to learn about the natural world, investigate

current events and issues, and discuss the management of your National Forests. Local residents, campers and visitors are invited to attend free of cost. Programs are approximately one hour in length, and include time for conversation about the evening's topic or any other National Forest issue.

White Mountain National Forest recreation technician, Candice Morrison, will kick off the 2009 series on July 1 with a presentation titled "Mystery and Enchantment of the National Forests." There are 155 forests in the National Forest System. Come discover their bounty, from timber to solitude, and

learn how the White Mountain National Forest stands out from the rest.

AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center is 11 miles south of Gorham, N.H. on Route 16. For more information, call the Androscoggin Ranger Station at (603) 466-2713, TTY (603) 466-2856 or AMC at (603) 466-2721. The summer program:

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July 15 - "A Day in the Life of a Backcountry Ranger." A pictorial journey into the White Mountains to see what backcountry rangers see, and learn what they do. Presented by backcountry and wilderness supervisor Justin Preisendorfer.

July 22 - "Skins & Skulls of Mammals in the White Mountains." Our native wildlife have adapted for survival in our unique environment. This is a hands-on learning experience for all ages to better know the mammals of the White Mountains. Presented by conservation educator Clare Long.

July 29 - "Wildland Firefighting at Home and Away." A family-oriented program that asks, "Is fire in the forest a friend or a threat?" Find out what's up with smoke and fire in the White Mountains, hear tales of a forest firefighter, and handle the gear they pack along. Presented by fire planner Erin Small and fire technician John Neely.

Aug. 5 - "Moose: Monarch of the North (and how to stay safe if your paths cross)." Bring the family for a fun,

interactive look at "Alces alces." Presented by visitor information supervisor Chris Bishop.

Aug. 12 - "Who put these rock steps here? Trail Work in the White Mountains." You probably never noticed how much work it takes to make a trail safe and user-friendly. Come learn the secrets of trail planning, construction and maintenance. Presented by trails supervisor Cristin Bailey.

Aug. 19 - "The Renewable North Country: Timber management on the White Mountain National Forest." Forest management in the North Country has changed a lot in the past 100 years. We'll learn from the past and look to the future of sustainable forestry on the White Mountain National Forest. Presented by a WMNF Forester.

Aug. 26 - "White Mountain Wilderness." What is a wilderness area, how is one managed, and what do I need to know to go there? Presented by a White Mountain National Forest wilderness ranger.

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Dean's list

AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Kelsey J. Dole, daughter of Kelly Dole of Bethel, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester at Saint Michael's College. Kelsey J. Dole is a Junior Business Administration major at the liberal arts, residential Catholic college located in the Burlington area of Vermont. Kelsey graduated from Telstar Regional High School.

AT THOMAS

Margaret Duplessis of Mason Township was named to the dean's list in the Day division at Thomas College for the spring 2009 semester.

AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Kyle F. Maines of Bethel was listed on the dean's list at Coastal Carolina University for the spring 2009 semester.

AT MUHLENBERG

Kelsey Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Gamble of Bethel and a graduate of Gould Academy, was named to the dean's list at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., for the spring semester.

AT UMF

Chelsea Cozzolino, daughter of Linda and Brock Cozzolino of Bryant Pond, was named to the dean's list at the University of Maine at Farmington for the spring 2009 semester.

AT PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN

Mary Beth Hoover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoover of Bryant Pond, was named to the dean's list at Pensacola Christian College for academic achievement during the 2009 spring semester.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Kara Thurlow of Bryant Pond was named to the Honors List at Saint Joseph's College of Maine for the spring 2009 semester.

AT UVM

Morgan Carver of Bethel has named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester at the University of Vermont.



BABE RUTH CHAMPS—The Bethel Babe Ruth Red Sox wrapped up their season with an 18-0 record and took the championship game of the playoffs against Naples 15-5 in 6 innings. Front, kneeling: Zac Parsons, Travis Brown, Zach Hiltz. Middle: Coach Rob Manning, Ricky James, Devin Vail, Casey Thornton, Tyler Brown, Michael Deluca, Coach Rick Whitney. Back: Dan Whitney, Kyle Peterson, Jeb Clarke, Corey Howard, Drew Wilson and Alec Manning. (Photo: Ellen Whitney)

Sports

Babe Ruth Baseball

Babe Ruth Championship at Field of Dreams, July 1: Bethel 15, Naples 5— It was a tight game through the fifth inning and then in the bottom of the 5th Bethel scored 4, making it 10 to 5. It was a great team effort with the following contributions: Kyle Peterson walked and scored twice and had a single with 2 RBI's, Tyler Brown had 2 singles and drove in the winning run, Dan Whitney had 2 singles and a double and scored 3 runs, Jeb Clarke had one single, a walk, scored twice and pitched the whole game, Devin Vail had a sacrifice fly and 2 walks and a great double play in the field, Corey Howard had a single, double and scored 1 run, Alec Manning had a double, single and reached on an error scoring twice, Casey Thornton had a single and reached base and scored twice, Drew Wilson reached base twice and scored 2 runs also. Other players contributing to this championship season were Travis Brown, Zach Hiltz, Zac Parsons, Ricky James and Michael Del Duca. Coaches Rick Whitney, Brad Clarke and Rob Manning would like to congratulate the boys on a great season and thank parents and the community for their support and Gould Academy for letting the team play on their field—Ellen Whitney



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9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays - **Living History Tours**. Tour the mansion, kitchen, school house and grounds and meet people from the neighborhood. \$10 adults, \$6 12 and under, \$25 per family. Call 897-4366 or visit www.norlands.org for more information.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. First Saturday, July to October - **Site Tours**.

Sundays, July and August (except Aug. 16)

2 to 4 p.m. - **Open House** at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. FMI: call Barbara Payne at 743-5677.

Thursday, July 9

5:30 p.m. - **Albany Congregational Church Supper**, Hunts

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Corner Road. \$6 Adults, \$3 children under 12. Beans, brown bread, rolls, salads, casseroles, pies and beverages.

7 p.m. - **Lecture by Craig Whitaker titled "An Architect's View: Inspirations and Opportunities,"** at the Norway Memorial Library features, "Looking Up in Norway: Weathered, Cupolas, & Steeples," for this year's art festival.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 9, 10 and 11

Norway Arts Festival. Every type of visual art exhibiting along sidewalks of Norway, plus performances of music, dance and puppetry in locations along Main Street. All for free. Norway Town Square will have food court, nonprofit mall, performances, etc.

Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11

Giant Book Sale at Norway Grange Hall, Whitman Street, sponsored by Friends of Norway Memorial Library. Friday 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends will also raffle a Blueberry Basket (\$2 or 3 for \$5) at Norway Memorial Library, Main Street. FMI: 743-5309.

Saturday, July 11

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **ATV Safety Course** at Roxbury Town Office. Any child 10 and over must have a safety course. Parents should attend with their child. FMI or to sign up: call Wanda Worthley 545-2715.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Yard Sale** by Greenwood Historical Society on lawn of Historical Society buildings, Locke Mills (rain date: July 18). Tables for rent (\$5 each). Contact Denise at 875-2102 or Joyce at 674-2259 for table rental. Bake table and miscellaneous items.

9:30 a.m. - **Recreational Canoe and Kayak Race.** Part of annual Source to the Sea Trek, hosted by Androscoggin River Watershed Council and Rumford Parks and Recreation program. Race (10 miles) along the Androscoggin River from Hanover and Rumford. Free and open to public. Family-oriented event. Registration at Hanover public boat launch, Route 2 behind town office. Shuttle service provided and awards ceremony after, during community barbecue.

1 to 2 p.m. - **Scales and Tales** at Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, Errol School. Chewonki naturalists will discuss what reptiles really are and provide opportunity to examine live reptile specimens, turtle shells, snakeskins and skeletons. To register: call (603-482-3415 ext. 10).

5 to 6 p.m. - **Red White Blue Supper/Dance.** Supper, 5 to 6 p.m. (\$7). Dance 7 to 10 p.m. (\$5). Jones Dance Band playing old-fashioned dance music at the South Paris Legion Hall on Church Street. See also July 18 and 25.

7 p.m. - **Variety Show** at First Congregational Church, Andover. Proceeds benefit Andover Food Pantry. Donations greatly appreciated. Food and drinks for sale and 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by People in Action. FMI: call Laura (392-3621) or Linda at 364-7968.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - **Wear Your PJ's Night Visit** at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Short learning tour through nature trails to find out how animals prepare and survive during hours between dusk and dawn. FMI: call 657-4977 or visit www.maine-wildlife-park.com or www.mefishwildlife.com.

8 p.m. - **At Celebration Barn Theater**, Stock Farm Road, South Paris: **Brent McCoy, Clown at Work**, one-man show. Tickets: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors and \$8 students and kids may be purchased in advance by calling 743-8452.

Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12

48th annual Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, sponsored by Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association at Telstar Regional High School. Time: Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided field trip both days. FMI: e-mail oxfordcountymineralandgemassoc@gm.ail.com or visit www.oxfordcountymineralandgemassociation.blogspot.com.

Sunday, July 12

1 p.m. - **North Pond Sailing Association Regatta** at North

Pond. Small sailboats welcome to join this Sunfish fleet. FMI: call Blaine Mills at 875-3726 or write Blaine Mills, PO Box 175, Greenwood, ME 04255.

Tuesday, July 14

Oxford County Republican barbecue at Stan Howe's home, Broad Street, Bethel (across from Bethel Inn). Social hour 5:30 p.m./dinner (\$7) at 6:30 p.m. Special guest speaker: Jason Levesque, candidate for 2nd U.S. Congressional District. FMI: call Becky Kendall at 834-3186.

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Music by The Country Lads. Supper by American Legion Auxiliary. Cost: \$10 adults, \$3.50 children. Doors open 4:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - **Wilhelm Reich Joint Talk** at Wilhelm Reich Museum, Rangeley. Mary Higgins, director, will discuss her new book-in-progress and Kevin Hinchey, associate director, will discuss script he is writing for a full-length documentary film about Reich's life and work. FMI: visit www.wilhelmreichmuseum.org.

Wednesday, July 15

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Nature Craft Project** for making sea shell chimes or necklaces at Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond, is first of variety of summer programs open to public at no charge. Bring shells if have some but not required. For all ages from 6 to 96. FMI: call 665-2223 or 665-2788.

5:30 p.m. - **Old Fashioned Church Supper** at Bethel West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street. Menu: beans, casseroles, coleslaw, rolls, pies and beverages. Adults \$7, Children 12 and under \$3. Carryouts available.

Friday and Saturday, July 17 to 19

Waterford World's Fair, an agricultural community event. Fair association welcomes nonprofit organizations to join the fun and organize a country carnival-type game or activity at the fair. Commercial vendors also welcome. Particularly interested in vendors willing to share their knowledge of alternative energy. FMI: call Dottie Bell at 589-4146 or Lucille Millett at 514-0333. Fair schedule, vendor application and other event information can be found at nwwf08.org.

Saturday, July 18

2009 Mollycoddett Day in Bethel

Table Sale on Mollycoddett Day by Scouts of America, across street from Funky Red Barn. Cost for table rental \$10. Proceeds for Scouts of America. Rent a table to sell your "treasures." FMI or reserve a spot: call Steve Stone at 836-2307.

Second Annual Bethel's Got Talent Show featured at the Mollycoddett Day celebration

10 a.m. - **Annual Christmas in July Toy Ride** starting at Andover Grimaldi Field, sponsored by Roxbury ATV Riders. Bring unwrapped toy in plastic bag or cash donation. Members bring brownie or cookie form for dessert and drop off to Mike, Wanda or Jane. Free barbecue. 50/50 raffle. FMI or to sign up: call Mike or Wanda Worthley 545-2715 or to volunteer call Jane Ryerson 357-2772.

10 a.m. to noon - **Enjoyable Edibles** at Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, Upton School. North Woods Stewardship Center will lead wilderness trip to inform about medicinal plants, provide documentation and give chance to eat "enjoyable edibles" during taste test. Call Refuge office to register (603) 482-3415 ext. 10.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Maine Woodsman Day** at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Demonstrations of methods of woodcarving. FMI: call 657-4977 or visit www.maine-wildlife-park.com or www.mefishwildlife.com.

5:30 p.m. - **Benefit Supper** for Lori Pulsifer, who is recovering from cancer surgery, at Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke Mills. Adults \$8 and children under 12 \$3. Ticket Auction and many prizes. FMI: call Dorene at 674-2346.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall on Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open. See also July 25.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays (Thanksgiving through April 1) at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (864-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI-392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday School for adults and children at 9 a.m., Worship Service at 10 a.m., Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-1028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-6650.

Our Lady of the Snows- Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 361-4566.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School. 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 28), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8938.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m.,

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 598-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra With-ey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres Peter Beckel 364-3881

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time 10:00am. 11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club, Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers operate third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's: Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons. Priest in charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God. Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school; Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 4pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 17 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3559 or visit our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Sandra Withey

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational. Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service. 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal 674-2143

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am. Sunday School Grades 1-5, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m. Monday Diaconate meeting first Monday of the month. Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi Weekly 9:30-11:00am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm. church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays Prayer & bible study 8:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7:12th grade. 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678). Saturday, 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House Rt. 232, North Woodstock - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome. Mahosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library; Bryant Pond Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-6669 FMI

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel. 392-4941

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

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This season we have expanded our programs with new offerings like Outdoor Explorer Day Camp, Bushcraft, and 4-H Shooting Sports programs. Our popular Survivor Camp, currently in its second season, puts three teams of eight campers to the ultimate test of teamwork and communication through challenges and friendly competition.

While visiting the camp recently, I happened to arrive as a group of our "Treasure Camp"ers was returning from a gold-panning trip to a nearby stream. They bounded out of the camp vans, excitedly showing off their new treasures.

Even in this damp weather, our campers look forward to paddling, fishing and yes,

even taking a swim in Lake Christopher! Thursday night is a particularly memorable time as all of our campers participate in the final campfire and enjoy a fun-filled evening of skits, songs and stories and laughs.

The staff at Bryant Pond would like to let you know that it is not too late to join us for a fun-filled week of camp. Various camp slots are still available.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife scholarships are available for several of our camps. Please feel free to contact our reservations staff at 665-2068 or visit our website www.extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond to find out about camp and scholarship availability.



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Jerbeck Construction to Timothy and Christin Keebler, Rhy, N.H. land in Mountain Brook Estates, \$40,000, April 4, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC to James and Laurie Castle of Barrington, N.H., land on Oak Ridge Road, Timber Creek Subdivision, \$89,000, April 7, 2009.

GREENWOOD

Areta and Jeffrey Caley to Robert and Maureen Denise Lally of Boston, land on Bear Lane, \$60,000, April 8, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC, to Thomas and Dale Chate of Mashpee, Mass., land and building in Westside Subdivision, \$218,000, May 6, 2009.

Michael and Annette Cole to Shannon Dana-LeTournau of Greenwood, land and building on the Greenwood Road, \$35,000, May 20, 2009.

NEWRY

Schiavi Homes, LLC to Alan E. Rothberg and Mary Ann Griffith of Newry, property on the Sunday River Rd., \$470,268, April 10, 2009.

Mainvest, LLC to Poongothal Rangovan of Salem, N.H., lot in Great Brook, \$135,000, April 21, 2009.

Jabk Cross to Richard Goulet of Bethel, lot in Meadow View Estates, \$50,000, April 27, 2009.

Richard Goulet to Robert J. and Kathleen A. Martin of Moorestown, N.J., lot in Meadow View Estates, \$60,000, April 27, 2009.

Harold N. and Peggy J. Fournier to Jeffrey P. and Lisa A. Mendell of Herscher, Ill., lot on the Sunday River Rd., \$100,000, May 20, 2009.

WOODSTOCK

Aurora Loan Services to James Daugherty of Centerville, Mass. land and building on Bird Hill Road, \$114,500, May 6, 2009.

Lloyd Poland to John and Stacy McCracken of Attleboro, Mass. land in Fuller Hill Subdivision, \$42,900.

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Prior to establishing Kennett Realty, Mary Jo worked as a sales associate at Sunday River Ski Resort. She was No. 1 in sales at the resort from 1987 to 1990, a period of time when the majority of expansion and new condominium construction took place. Even today she still enjoys strong bonds and friendships with the families who acquired their original Sunday River property through her guidance.

During this same period, Ed was supervisor in charge of construction of Brookside, North Peak, Merrill Brook, Fall Line, Locke Mt., White Cap, South Ridge, as well as the expansion of numerous base lodges. His extensive knowledge of construction has proved an invaluable tool in assisting home buyers of both newly constructed dwellings and/or vintage gems. In addition to home and condo sales, Ed particularly likes selling land and is more than happy to hike or snowshoe entire boundaries with interested parties.

Along with recently welcoming Doty Duddy to our team, a well-known and established area broker, perhaps the most popular team players are of the four-legged variety. Jerry Kennett, along with his twin brother, Ben, and cousin Annie Doodle Duddy have created an intelligent yet musical column addressing the current real estate marketplace. To our knowledge, it is the only canine-based perspective on the current nationwide and local real estate market, and quite insightful even if Jerry says so himself!

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Homeowners can get \$1,500 Tax Credit for Purchase of Qualifying Harman Home Heating Wood or Pellet Stoves, Inserts, Boilers or Furnaces

As part of the 2009 Economic Stimulus legislation, U.S. homeowners who purchase and install a 75-percent efficient biomass (wood or pellet burning) stove, insert, furnace or boiler in 2009 or 2010 can receive a 30-percent tax credit for costs incurred, up to \$1,500. This week the federal government released clarifying guidelines for qualifying biomass products, which includes 16 Harman Home Heating products.

"Significant financial and environmental benefits can be gained for the homeowner who heats with wood or pellet burning appliances," said Andy Wheeler of Western Maine Supply in Bethel. "You can enjoy reduced heating costs for years to come while utilizing renewable fuels and contributing to a greener Earth." Harman pellet and EPA-certified wood burning products are clean-burning, eliminating approximately 75-percent of the carbon emissions that are associated with fossil fuel heating.

For more than 25 years Harman has been a prominent leader in the industry, offering a large selection of products that feature advanced technologies for fuel and heat efficiency. With multiple designs and styles to choose from, Harman backs its products with a limited lifetime warranty. For a complete listing of products that qualify for the tax credit, visit www.harmonstoves.com.

Harman EPA-certified wood burning stoves are highly efficient, producing more heat with less wood to provide warmth and comfort for many hours. They are clean-burning with low ash and minimal outside air emissions - achieved through high temperatures, ample oxygen and sufficient burning of gases before they are exhausted. This complete combustion can also eliminate the accumulation of creosote, a flammable chimney residue. Harman products are perfect for homeowners who want to live green and also enjoy the crackling sounds and flickering flames of burning wood.

Harman pellet burning stoves, inserts, furnaces and boilers have great heating efficiencies and low emissions. Pellets burn cleaner than virtually any other biomass fuel and produce low particulate matter, controlling air pollution. Harman pellet units are easy to operate with built-in fuel hoppers and feeding devices that move pellets in small groups to the combustion chamber.

"People are looking for ways to control their heating costs," said Karen McSherry, brand manager for Harman Home Heating. "Today's advanced technology has dramatically increased the efficiency of wood and pellet appliances, making heating with renewable fuels a viable alternative to heating with fossil fuels. This tax credit provides another reason to discover the benefits of heating with biomass."

After purchase, the homeowner can obtain an official Manufacturer's Certificate from www.harmonstoves.com. It certifies that the product qualifies for the tax credit and homeowners can rely on it when preparing their taxes. They are not required to submit the certificate or a sales receipt to the government when filing their taxes, but should retain those items for their records.

For more information about Harman products, visit Western Maine Supply at 33 Cross Street in Bethel, or online www.westernmainesupply.com. For additional information about the tax credit, please consult your tax advisor.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Tax Breaks

(ARA) - Homeownership and green improvements will be more affordable for more Americans in 2009, thanks to several provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The changes will put more money in taxpayers' pockets and allow homeowners to save thousands of dollars over the next several years.

The First-time Homebuyer Credit has been extended and increased to qualifying individuals who purchase a home in 2009 before Dec. 1. First-time homebuyers are defined as those who have never owned a principal residence or who have not owned a principal residence at any time during the three years prior to the date of purchase.

For 2008 and 2009 tax returns, the credit is equal to 10 percent of the home purchase price, up to \$8,000. It phases out when modified adjusted gross income is \$75,000 for an individual or \$150,000 for joint filers. Married taxpayers must both qualify as "first-time homebuyers" in order to receive the full credit.

Taxpayers who claimed the full \$8,000 First-time Homebuyer Credit on their 2008 federal return cannot claim it on their 2009 return. Those who have not claimed the credit should determine which year to use it based on their income. If you expect your income to decrease in 2009, it will likely make more sense to claim the credit on your 2009 return rather than your 2008 return.

The only scenario in which the credit must be paid back is if the home ceases to be the owners' principal residence within 36 months of the purchase date. Then the full credit amount must be repaid on the federal return for that tax year.

The credit was initially created to be claimed after a home is purchased, but the Obama administration is now allowing qualifying taxpayers to use it to cover certain purchasing costs. Homebuyers with mortgages backed by the Federal Housing Administration may be eligible to receive advances on the credit, which could be used for closing costs, fees and additional money for a down payment beyond the FHA's required 3.5 percent minimum.

Anyone can apply for an FHA-backed mortgage, regardless of income. However, there are limits on the size of the mortgage, and lenders may charge a fee for the credit. Some states are also offering similar programs.

The new stimulus plan also includes tax credits equal to 30 percent, up to \$1,500, for certain energy-efficient improvements to residential properties. The Residential Energy Property Credit can be claimed on 2009 and 2010 returns for improvements such as adding insulation or installing energy-efficient windows, doors, or heating and air conditioning systems. Bigger improvements involving alternative energy equipment such as solar hot water heaters, geothermal heat pumps and wind turbines may be claimed on 2009 to 2016 returns under the Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit.

In addition to homeowner tax breaks, the 2009 act includes several new or increased credits and deductions. You can easily learn which provisions you may qualify for on your 2009 taxes by answering simple questions in TaxACT. Preview versions of TaxACT 2009 software will be available in October, allowing you to plan ahead and get a head start on your return. When you're ready to prepare and file your 2009 return, TaxACT will help you complete the correct forms for the credits in a matter of minutes.

Read the details of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 at www.IRS.gov and learn more about TaxACT at www.TaxACT.com



Linda Nista joins Paris Cape Realty

Helga Thurston (Owner/Designated Broker) is pleased to announce the addition of Linda Nista to the Paris Cape Realty team. Linda is a resident of Lovell and former co-owner of New Suncook Real Estate. She has been active in the real estate field since 1996. Linda is a member of the Western Maine Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors and currently in the process of acquiring the Accredited Buyers Representative (ABR) designation. Welcome Linda!

Deck building incentive package

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Structural Repairs: The How's and Why's...



by Christopher Garner
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Imagine this: The recent rain has exposed some problems in your foundation. You call local contractors and everyone has a way to fix the problem. Some agree, some don't. That is exactly what happened to an area home. The continuous ground and rainwater seeped through their wall until they called on some people they trusted. The professionals addressed the water problem within reason. Only the

contractors ignored the crumbling foundation, lack of any real footing, the lack of a frost wall, areas where the wall was only below grade 2 feet, and the fact that when the wall was poured the form bust open and created a structural hazard.

Why can I say with conviction that these issues were real? Maine holds no license for contractors so I can't even say that I have a license!!! But what I can say is that I knew that I, as a professional, was not qualified nor insured to make those statements in an official capacity....I told the homeowner to call an engineer.

Engineers have gone to school to be able to perform complex algorithms to tell us what is wrong in pure mathematics. They are educated, accredited and licensed professionals. As noble and fancy as this sounds there is another basic reason to hire an engineer: Typically, he is insured to make the call and pay for it if he's wrong, a contractor isn't.

Liability insurance will cover the contractor for those things only listed in their policy. But if the contractor designs the repair and it doesn't work he has no "Errors and Omissions Insurance". Contractors do typically NOT carry this insurance where engineers typically have this type of insurance.

Remember, once you have discovered a problem it is illegal for you to sell the property and not disclose it. In the case I cited above the homeowner's policy didn't cover foundation repair or collapse from earth movement. They couldn't sell, they couldn't claim, they had to fix it.

Paying a contractor to "take a crack at it" will generally cost more than the professional. You can pay a contractor to try to fix it and if it doesn't work you have paid the money and still have the problem. You can spend the money on a professional and have the same problem but with a real-world answer for professionals to bid on that is insured.

People often try to save money but skip the most important step: hiring the right person for the right job. Whether it is an engineer, an architect, or even a builder, taking the time to invest in the right strategy and right people makes all the difference between a project being an investment or an expense.

Everyone says, "You get what you pay for." Sometimes, only if you're lucky. Source: wikipedia

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Webb River Waterfront Lot, 8.9 acres...\$128,000

Newry: Bear River Rd., Views, 32 acres...\$120,000

Newry: Douglas Rd., resort views, 1.38 acre...\$127,000

Newry: Red House Village, 25 acres...\$110,000

Mountain Valley Sub., 1.47 acres...\$100,000

Albany: 42.85 acres...\$100,000

Norway: Fantastic Views, 6 acres...\$85,000

Bethel: Paradise, in town lot, 50 acres...\$80,000

Taylor Woods Waterfront Lot, 1.7 acres...\$75,500

Newry: Mtn. View Road, 7.9 acres...\$62,500

Bird Hill Road Lot, 2.84 acres...\$57,000

Bird Hill Road Lot, 12.4 acres...\$50,000

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Bethel: Newell Road, 1 acre & .83 acre...\$30,000

Woodstock: Rocky Road, .36 acre lot...\$30,000

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled **The Summit Condominium Owners Association v. Lawrence D. O'Connor**, under Docket No. RUM-RE-08-84, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Lawrence D. O'Connor to The Summit Condominium Owners Association said Judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns; NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2009, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Unit No. 181/183, Time Share Unit Quarter II in Building II of Phase II in the Summit at Sunday River, A Condominium, located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Sunday River Skiway Corporation pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and by Declaration of Condominium dated December 14, 1992, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Eastern District, in Book 1965, Page 187 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is herein termed "Declaration") and to which reference is hereby made), which said unit is shown on the floor plans of the building identified above recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry of Deeds. Reference is also made to survey plan, by Dana C. Douglass, Jr., R.S., likewise recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Lawrence D. O'Connor by Warranty Deed of Sunday River Skiway Corporation dated December 15, 1994, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2188, Page 88, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 22nd day of June, 2009.

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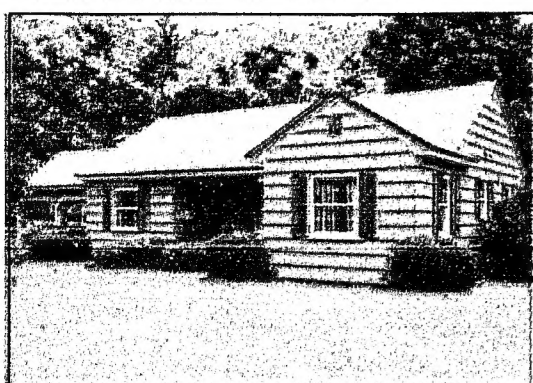
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Well Jerry, I feel we need patience regarding our societal and worldwide fiscal matters and being a nurturing woman, a trait I have cultivated from my Mommy, I see only good things to eventually come, while wonderful opportunities emerge every day in our current marketplace.
Personally, Jerry, I always have my eyes on a new dog house, whether for vacation usage for my MOM and me or that all important Investment Kennel! After All, The Sleepy Uniformed Dog Misses The Ball!!!
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Obituaries



GWYNETH GRIFFIN BOHR

Alice Gwyneth Griffin Bohr was born on Feb. 27, 1920 in Evanston, Ill., to Bryant Wade Griffin, Sr. and Maureen McPherson Griffin. She was married on June 8, 1946 to Kenneth Alden Bohr, to whom she was married for 63 years. Gwyneth graduated from Radcliffe College in 1941, and was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, she was granted a Master of Social Work from the Simmons School of Social Work. In 1979, she was the first grandmother ever to receive her Masters of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Gwyneth became an Episcopal priest when she was 59. The ecumenical seminary she first attended stressed experiential learning which delighted her and expanded her horizons. When it closed, she attended the traditional Episcopal Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va. Her calling was Interim Ministry and she served in country, suburban, small town and city churches. Her last Interim Ministry was at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bridgton, retiring in 2000 at the age of 80 and she was a member of St. Peter's at the time of her death. Gwyneth

also hosted a monthly Episcopal House Church in her home in Bethel until the last few months of her life.

The ministry integrated her life experiences: U.S. Navy officer, personnel officer in a factory, psychiatric social work training, living in India in the 1960s, and perhaps most importantly — marriage and motherhood. She thought of herself as a pioneer, breaking new ground for women. She was comfortable with all kinds of people.

Gwyneth loved Bethel where she and her husband Ken owned a home since 1982. She took many courses at the National Training Lab (NTL) and became a member — more opportunity for experiential learning! She was very proud of the Western Mountains Senior College and was a founding member as well as leading courses on Exploring Our Life Stories. She also served as a trainer of hospice volunteers for 20 years at the Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice.

The outdoors always called Gwyneth. She was president of the Outing Club when she was at Radcliffe, and she and Ken took the family camping every summer while the girls were growing up. Camping in Kashmir while the family lived in India in the 1960s, was especially memorable. On Gwyneth and Ken's 50th wedding anniversary they asked for a family camping trip. Thus began a tradition of an annual family reunion on the shores of Lower Richardson Lake — first camping at Pausus Point and later gatherings at the Lakewood Camps.

Gwyneth was always proud of each member of her family: her husband Ken,

daughters Gretchen, Katy and Sarah, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. She treasured Ken's care and devotion which sustained her through the very last days of her life. In the end she spoke of the incredible love she felt from her family and friends and how that love had "lifted her up." Her last words to all of us were:

I have a heart full of gratitude for all of my many blessings. Thank you all so much. ... I am at peace. My life has been a wonderful adventure. Now I face the mystery of death — a little fearful, faithful enough and with courage.

Gwyneth was beloved for her warmth and generosity of heart, her wit, and humor. She leaves a hole in the hearts of many and we are all blessed to have known her.

Gwyneth is survived by her husband of 63 years, Kenneth Alden Bohr; her three daughters, Gretchen Bohr Courage of South Egremont, Mass.; Katherine Alden Bohr of Storrs, Conn.; and Sarah Harriet Bohr of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; sons-in-law, Dr. Richard Arthur Courage and Eric Goldberg; grandchildren, Emilie Louisa Courage, Stephen Alden Courage, Meredith Alden Alexander and Noah Alden Goldberg-Bohr; brother-in-law, Richard Bohr; sisters-in-law, Georgette G. Bohr and Dorothy T. Griffin; niece, Georgia Griffin Peterson and nephew, Bryant Wade Griffin III; and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gwyneth's funeral was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at noon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 42 Sweden Road, Bridgton. Family calling hours were held at the church from 11 a.m. to noon. Following the service, there was a reception and a time for sharing. Burial was at the Riverside Cemetery in Bethel at 3 p.m.

A Service of Celebratory Remembrance in honor of Gwyneth will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel, followed by a concert by the State Street Traditional Jazz band. In lieu of flowers, offerings and memorial gifts may be sent to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, or the Bethel Library.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

ALVA KOMULAINEN

Alva Komulainen, 90, went home to be with his Lord at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris, early Thursday, July 2, 2009 with family by his side.

He was born in West Paris, on May 20, 1919, the son of Finnish immigrants, August and Anna Pikkarinen Komulainen. He attended schools in North Paris.

He married Rena Lenfest on Feb. 9, 1946. They made their home on Paris Hill, where they lived together for more than 50 years. He enjoyed gardening and was known for his beautiful vegetable gardens. Hunting for deer and moose brought him great pleasure. He also enjoyed working in the woods and getting his own firewood. He worked for many years as a mechanic in local garages and was sought after by many to work on their cars.

He was a member and a deacon of the Paris Hill Bible Church, where he and his wife enjoyed hosting speakers and missionaries in their home.

He and his wife enjoyed two trips to Finland and also a visit to their daughter in Argentina.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Larry Strout of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, Argentina; two sons, Craig and daughter-in-law, Julie and Ernest and daughter-in-law, Jean, all of South Paris; five grandchildren, Kevin Strout, Jason Strout, Kym Grant, Kyle Komulainen and Amanda Komulainen; and nine great-grandchildren, Hannah, Kayla, Daniel, Seth, Jonathan, Nicolas, Taylor, Brandon and Landon.

He was predeceased by his wife, Rena; a sister, Helvi Komulainen; and three brothers, Wilho, Theodore and Gunnar.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 7, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, South Paris with interment following at the Finnish Cemetery in West Paris. Donations in his memory may be made to the Missionary Ministry of the Santa Rosa Church Plant in Argentina, c/o Avant Ministries, 10,000 North Oak, Kansas City, MO 64155. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.westonchandler.com.

SYLVIA HEIKKINEN

Sylvia Sivia Kuvaja Heikkinen, 82, died quietly July 2, 2009 at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris.

She was born in Richardson Hollow in Greenwood, on Dec. 27, 1926, the daughter of Peter and Esteri Kuvaja. She attended school in Greenwood. She married Matti V. Heikkinen on Dec. 25, 1954, and he predeceased her on Oct. 3, 2002.

They moved to a small farm in Hebron in 1956, and spent the rest of their married life there. She worked at Hebron Academy as a housekeeper for more than 20 years, until she retired in 1991. Being involved in 4-H as a youngster instilled in her a love of sewing and she made her own dresses. She also loved to read, do puzzles, garden, raise flowers and make nisu for family and church gatherings.

She was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in South Paris and a charter member of the Finnish-American Heritage Society in Maine. However, poor health and immobility prevented her from attending in the later years. Like her husband, Matti, she was extremely proud of her Finnish heritage and traveled to Finland several times.

She is survived by her two children, Thomas of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Ann Heikkinen Fernald of Frenchboro; her older sister, Fannie Polvinen of Victorian Villa in Canton; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by an infant sister, Helen; and brothers, Waino, Alpo, Vilho and Eino.

At this time there is no funeral service planned. Interment will be at the Finnish Cemetery in West Paris. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

JAMES E. MULLEN

James E. Mullen, 51, of Stoneham, died tragically Friday, July 3, 2009 due to an ATV accident.

He was the son of Priscilla (Mullen) Gammon and the late Albert Mullen. James was born on Nov. 19, 1957.

He was educated at Oxford Hills High School graduating in 1976. He lived in Naples, Fla., for 28 years, and moved back to Maine 1 1/2 years ago to live with his mother.

He was employed as a heavy

equipment operator, paving roads for Jensen Underground Utilities and as a grounds keeper for Lely golf course in Naples, Fla. He was a longtime fan of NASCAR, enjoyed golfing and riding his ATV.

He is survived by his mother, Priscilla Gammon; one daughter, Misty and son-in-law, Shawn Marston; sister, Ann Mullen; one niece, Danielle David; and three grandsons. He was predeceased by his father, Albert Mullen; brother, John Mullen; and stepfather, Stanley Gammon.

Family and friends were invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday, July 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oxford Hills Funeral Services, Oxford. Interment will be at Norway Pine Grove in South Paris at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.



GILBERTE G. SEELEY

Gilberte G. Seeley, 101, of Newry, passed away July 7, 2009 at Ledgeview Living Center. She was born in Four Rivers, Canada, on Oct. 24, 1907 and lived in Biddeford before moving to Pascoag, R.I. She married Edmond Seeley on Thanksgiving Day, 1925.

She was predeceased by her husband, her parents, Onesime and Mane Beaudry, her sister Diana, and twin brothers Arthur and Roland. She is survived by a niece, and her nephew Carl Toti and wife Barbara, and their three children.

She also leaves behind Karlene Bachelder and family who were like family for the last 40 years, and numerous friends in Newry, where she was a longtime resident.

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